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WPA Bloc In Congress Warns of Relief Needs

Temporarily Eliminates
Parity Payments
to Farmers

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—A closely-knit WPA bloc of Congressmen from the big cities of the nation today warned reactionary southern Democrats from rural areas that they must vote to grant adequate relief to the unemployed or face defeat for their own measures.

This was the significance of the startling upset in the House late this evening as a \$250,000,000 item for parity payments to farmers was knocked out of the \$1,000,000,000 Agriculture Department bill by a vote of 204 to 190. The rest of the bill passed with little opposition.

Defeat for the parity payments proposal resulted from the decision of more than 50 Congressmen from Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other urban centers to vote against this item of reactionary farm Congressmen, including southern Democrats for the most part and to cooperate by supporting WPA grants.

ACT OF PROTEST
Spokesmen for the group indicated that they took this step as a protest against the refusal of many farm Congressmen and particularly of reactionary southerners to cooperate with them in supporting President Roosevelt's plea for a \$150,000,000 grant for WPA.

Hardest hit by the slash in parity payments were the southern Congressmen from cotton states. From \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in the item went to cotton planters.

Chairman Adolph Sabath of the Rules Committee, D. of Chicago, and Rep. Vito Marcantonio, A.P. of New York, led the city Congressmen.

They said that the vote of the WPA bloc was an expression of protest rather than an indication that they opposed the demands of the Congressmen for parity payments.

Marcantonio stated his belief that "the vote will bring about unity between farmers and city workers by showing that their interests were interdependent."

WILL VOTE FOR IT
"We are not happy because we voted against parity payments. We did it because it was our last card, because we saw it as the only way left to pass the WPA appropriation."

"However, this does not mean that parity payments will not be passed at this session of Congress. Undoubtedly the Senate will put the item back, and we

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Agriculture Bill Passed In House

Parity Amendment
Defeated by
14 Votes

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—The billion-dollar Agricultural Department Supply Bill was passed by the House tonight after an economy bloc had eliminated from the measure a \$250,000,000 grant for parity payments which previously had been approved by four votes.

The teller vote on the Parity Amendment, sponsored by Rep. Clarence Cannon, D. Mo., was 175 to 171. The roll call vote to scrap it was 204 to 190.

Brand Aggressor, China Urges U. S.

CHUNGKING, China, March 28 (UP).—The presidents of 17 Chinese colleges and universities today signed a joint appeal to the United States Congress urging that a distinction be made in any revision of the U. S. Neutrality Law between aggressor nations and victims of aggression.

The appeal said that the cash and carry clause in the proposed revised U. S. law [the Pittman proposals—Ed.] would hamper China, which has no merchant marine and no navy, and benefit Japan which has plenty of ships to send to American ports to purchase American supplies for cash.

Torrio Tried On Income Tax Dodge Today

Ruler of Underworld
Faces U. S. Court
in Worst Jam

John Torrio goes on trial today. Extortion, murder, bribery, prostitution, dope and liquor smuggling—for none of these does he stand before the bar.

It is not for paying a proper tax on the profits of crime that the big racketeer of them all, the man who called the tune for even Dutch Schultz and Scarface Al Capone, will be judged.

The Little Fellow, as he is called, ruled the underworld at its height, during the heyday of prohibition. From Brooklyn to Milwaukee, he owned political machines, city administrations, police departments and judges. Gang wars and the "organizing" of both legitimate and illegitimate business cost 250 lives a year in Chicago alone during the Torrio-Capone rise to power.

But Torrio was immune from prosecution. True, he twice went to jail—voluntarily on minor technical charges when he sought a safe haven against the machine guns of a rival mob.

FACES REAL RAP NOW
But today, for the first time in a life of violence and corruption, he faces a serious rap. The United States Government charges that he shorthanded on his income tax returns some \$87,000.

Torrio tried to fix that, too. It is believed that the Little Fellow reached W. H. Boyd, chief of the criminal and compromise division of the Department of Justice. But Boyd was caught and hanged himself last Nov. 9, rather than face disgrace, trial and prison.

The gave Johnny Torrio his nickname because of his height—five feet five. It is the only thing small about him or his record. More ruthless, more powerful than any of them, he has managed to almost miraculously outlive the Dutchman, O'Banion, Hymie Weiss and Schermer Druck, Legs Diamond and Mad Dog Coll; to stay free while Lucky Luciano and Scarface and Waxy Gordon went to the big house.

Assistant United States District Attorney Seymour Klein will prosecute; Max D. Steuer will defend.

French Ship Asks Protection From Menacing Warship

LONDON, March 28 (UP).—Lloyd's radio station on the Isle of Wight reported tonight that at 10:55 P. M. it picked up from the French steamer Ploubazanne this message: "We have been hailed by a war vessel which is compelling us to accompany her. Position 39.27 north 0.12 west."

This position is just off the Spanish coast about 30 miles north of Valencia.

ILD Warns of Deportation Threat to Aliens in Bill

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The International Labor Defense charged today that under the Densmore bill passed last week in the House a foreign-born worker could be deported because he favored a constitutional amendment.

In a memorial filed with the Senate Committee on Immigration, which must now consider this repressive measure, Louis Colman, legislative secretary of the I. L. D., declared that the Densmore bill is the most sweeping and dangerous measure of its kind ever passed.

Keep Out Factions, CIO Heads Tell UAW

Parley Gives Ovation to
Murray, Hillman and
Brophy

By DeWitt Gilpin
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, March 28.—Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, CIO vice-presidents, pronounced an end to factionalism within the United Automobile Workers Union here today in two speeches and were accorded a huge ovation by UAW delegates.

As Murray, Hillman and CIO director John Brophy entered the UAW convention the delegates burst spontaneously into song and roared out the strains, "Solidarity Forever."

Murray and Hillman spoke before a closed executive session of the convention and the text of their speeches were not made public.

It was generally understood, however, that both CIO vice presidents spoke clearly and sharply concerning the necessity of drawing this lesson from the recent struggle with Homer Martin—that under no condition must factional lines again be drawn in the union. Any one advocating such of course, it was pointed out, played directly into the hands of Henry Ford and Martin.

Immediately after the appearance of the CIO leaders, the convention delegates swung into action to prepare the Auto Union for consolidating conditions in the organized shops and to prepare for campaigns at Ford, the competitive plants and the aircraft industry.

Receiving first consideration was a report of the constitutional committee which proposes a series of amendments to the union's constitution.

Should the amendments be adopted the result will be a more democratic constitution with the president answerable to the Executive Board whether the Board is in or out of session.

A dramatic beginning of the discussion on the constitutional amendments, was provided when Robert Travis, leader of the historic General Motors strike in Flint and one of the first victims of Martin's purge, drew spontaneous applause and cheers when he made his first appearance before the convention on a point of order.

Travis, now an organizer for the United Mine Workers, is a delegate from his original auto local in Toledo. Taken from the president under the proposed amendments is the right to suspend international officers and revoke charters. Conventions are to be held annually.

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Congress Bill Proposes TVA For Niagara

State Utility Users Would
Save Millions; Trust
Control Hit

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A bill to apply the TVA plan to mighty Niagara Falls, with a saving to New York electricity consumers of \$250,000,000 a year, has been introduced by Representative Rankin (Dem., Miss.).

The measure would set up a Niagara Authority, similar to the Tennessee Valley Authority, empowered to buy the properties of the Niagara Falls Power Company for a reasonable price, using condemnation proceedings if necessary, and use the plant as a yardstick for New York state electric rates.

Explaining the bill, Rankin declared that power generated on the American side of the Falls was "controlled by a monopoly which not only abused its authority by injuring the scenic beauty of the territory adjacent to the Falls but was preventing the people of New York State from enjoying any of the benefits of cheap electricity such as now enjoyed by the people of Ontario."

The Mellon trust, the Aluminum Company of America, holds monopoly control of St. Lawrence waterway power. It charges just four times as much for electricity as the publicly-owned Ontario system does for power generated from the same waterfall.

FASCIST TERROR SWEEPS MADRID AS FRANCO TROOPS ENTER; F.D.R. CONSULTS WITH LOYALIST ENVOY

U. S. Indicates It Will
Never Recognize a
Fascist Spain

WARLORDS CALLED
Mussolini, Goering and
Franco Plan Parley
in Sicily

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt met today with Fernando de los Rios, Ambassador of the Spanish Republic, at the latter's request for a discussion of the Spanish refugee question. The envoy made the appointment yesterday before Madrid's capitulation. After the meeting he said he would remain as ambassador here for the present.

Indications that the United States would be in no hurry to grant official recognition to the fascists unless and until a civil form of government has been established and can produce proof that it represents a majority of the Spanish people. Sen. J. Hamilton Lewis, D. Ill., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, reaffirmed previous statements to that effect.

The fascists must establish a civil government that carries with it "measures of democratic administration," Lewis said, before the United States will move to give it de jure or legal recognition. His views, he said, are based on this government's past performances.

State Department officials stressed that no decision on the recognition question had been reached, but indicated that any future action will be based on a thorough exploration of the facts.

FASCIST WARLORDS
PLAN PARLEY IN SICILY

ROME, March 28 (UP).—It was rumored in political circles tonight that Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini, Field Marshal Hermann Goering of Germany, and General Francisco Franco of Spain, may hold a round table conference in Sicily toward the end of the week.

The reports said that after Mussolini's two-day tour of the Calabria region, on which he is to leave tomorrow night, Goering, who is scheduled to fly to Libya to visit Governor Italo Balbo, may be invited to stop at some convenient point in Sicily, to which Franco

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British War Council Arrives For Paris Talks

Will Inspect Maginot
Line and Discuss Military
Cooperation

PARIS, March 28 (UP).—The British Supreme War Council, headed by General Viscount Gort, arrived at Le Bourget this afternoon by air from London to inspect the Maginot Line and discuss plans for joint military operations in the event of an European war.

The flying mission was received at the air field by General Maurice Gamelin, Vice Admiral Francois Darlan and Air General Georges Vuillemin.

Ostensibly the British War Council is visiting France to inspect the Maginot defense lines, but authoritative quarters say the real purpose of the trip is to study on the spot how best to coordinate France's and Britain's land, air and naval forces in the event of a war.

During the three days' talks with the French high command the British army leaders will study strategic aspects of attack and defense. They also will select the most suitable bases and those sections of the Maginot line, British and continental troops would take over under war conditions.

**Reorganization
Bill Passed,
Sent to President**

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—The Senate today approved and sent to the House the government reorganization bill giving President Roosevelt limited authority to reshuffle Federal agencies.

President Asks 45,000-Ton Ships

President Discloses Recommendation Is Reply to
Japan's Refusal to Declare Naval Strength

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt disclosed today that his recommendation for construction of two 45,000-ton battleships in a bid for world naval leadership is a partial reply to Japan's refusal to reveal whether she is building war vessels larger than treaty limits.

His remark was made at a press conference a few hours after it was learned that he had approved plans for the building of the super-dreadnaughts as part of the naval expansion program authorized last year. Funds for starting construction of the two vessels will be contained in the regular Navy Department budget being drafted by a House subcommittee.

The President said that the Japanese Government's refusal to verify or deny reports that two or three Japanese warships are being built in violation of the 35,000-ton limit of the defunct Washington treaty was one of several reasons for his action.

He decided to state other reasons for supporting construction of the two vessels which would be the largest warships ever set afloat.

Certainty of the super-dreadnaught construction revived reports that the ships may be mounted with 18-inch guns, probably the deadliest sea weapon ever devised. It was admitted privately that the matter is being given favorable consideration by naval experts.

The Japanese warships reportedly under construction are said to be in the vicinity of 40,000 tons and rumor has it that they will be equipped with the giant guns. Great Britain already has laid the keels of two 40,000-tonners and is believed also to be considering use of super-guns.

According to tentative Naval plans, the 45,000-ton American

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Hitler Warns Poland of Anti-Nazi Acts

Press Threatens Poles
of 'Deplorable'
Consequences

BERLIN, March 28 (UP).—Diplomatic Political Correspondence, which speaks for the Foreign Office, warned today that anti-Nazi acts by Poland might result in consequences "as deplorable for the future harmonious development of the European area as they would indeed be harmful to the Polish nation itself."

Because of its source the warning was considered particularly significant.

"If little notice has been taken of these recent incidents in the German press," the publication said, "certainly nobody will assume from it that they have been overlooked here or that they are not of interest to us."

Nazi Propaganda Group Arrives In Danish Area

COPENHAGEN, March 28.—Danish police today said 150 Nazi propagandists had arrived in northern Schleswig to campaign for the pro-Nazi party in current Danish elections.

Authorities said the Nazis were pupils of the Fuhrerschule for training Nazi propagandists.

They will be permitted to stay in Denmark on good behavior, police declared, but will not be permitted to take part in the election campaign.

Chamberlain Evades Query on Anti-Hitler Pact

LONDON, March 28 (UP).—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today declined to answer a question by Hugh Dalton, Laborite, asking him to explain the details of a proposed consultation agreement with France, the Soviet Union and Poland, but replied:

"What the government has in mind goes a good deal further than consultation."

Secret Police Launch Search of City with 'Black Book' Lists

ITALIANS IN VAN

Miaja Capitulators Call
on Soldiers to Quit in
Other Sections

HENDAYE, French - Spanish Frontier, March 28 (UP).—General Francisco Franco tonight was reported to have begun a sweeping terror against anti-fascist elements in Madrid immediately after occupation of the capital by his fascist armies.

Frontier reports said that a column of trucks loaded with Franco's "auditoria" police had undertaken a thorough search of the city, seeking Communists, Republican army commanders and civil authorities.

The police were armed with cross-indexed lists of wanted leaders whose names are in Franco's "Black Book." The book is reported to contain the names of thousands of Republicans facing arrest, imprisonment and execution.

MADRID, March 28 (UP).—Fascist troops, with Italians in the van, were in Madrid tonight after the city's surrender by General Jose Miaja's "Defense Council."

Valencia, Alicante, Jaen, Almeria and other Republican cities had yet to surrender formally and unconditionally but resistance there, as in Madrid, was shattered.

The first of 200,000 fascist troops marched into Madrid's shell-rattled streets at 11 A. M. with Italian Blackshirts well in their van.

The hoisting of the white flag, which appeared at 9:30 A. M. (4:30 A. M. EST) atop the 13-story American-owned Telefonica building and the Prensas building, was ordered by Julian Besteiro, minister of interior in the Miaja "peace" regime.

Members of Franco's "fifth column" of sympathizers emerged from their homes with rifles and, in small patrols, assumed guard over public buildings and strategic points while awaiting the arrival of the first fascist troops.

The main body of the fascists will enter Madrid some time Wednesday.

FIFTH COLUMN CRAWLS OUT
Radio announcements warned the populace that "all arms must be surrendered immediately to avoid reprisals."

Members of Franco's "fifth column" were instructed by radio to report to fascist headquarters for assignments.

Young, black-shirted fascists with the emblem of the Falange embroidered on their sleeves, poured out of foreign embassies and legations along the Paseo de la Cas-

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Nazis Arrest Catholic Clergy in New Frameup

Bishop of Liege Con-
demns Hitler Race Ter-
ror in Pastoral Letter

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, Germany, March 28 (UP).—Nazi authorities announced today that a number of Catholic priests of four monasteries and church schools near Frankfurt had been arrested on "sexual" charges.

BRUSSELS, March 28 (UP).—It was revealed today that on Sunday a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Liege condemning Nazism was read in all the Catholic churches in the districts of Eupen and Malmédy.

After the letter was read members of the pro-Nazi party "Heimatschutz Front" left the churches, notably in Eupen.

The pastoral letter said: "The Catholic faith is strongly menaced in your country by a racial doctrine which the Pope has condemned. Your priests know how to indicate courageously that your interests both public and linguistically are endangered by the National Socialist doctrine based on the racial myth."

MEXICO AND UNION TO CONTROL OIL INDUSTRY JOINTLY

Richberg Returns to U.S. After Talk with Cardenas on Expropriations; Oil Union Campaigns Among Workers on Development of Industry

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 27.—While Donald R. Richberg returned to New York last week after having ended his interviews with President Lazaro Cardenas in behalf of the foreign oil companies which were expropriated a year ago, Eduardo Villaseñor, one of the executives of the Oil Workers Union, declared here that the Mexican government retains the direction and control of the oil industry and that the exploitation of the oil fields will continue to rest in the hands of the government and the union.

The union secretary based his remarks on a speech given by President Cardenas to the delegates of the 32 sections of the Oil Workers union a few days ago.

"The government will remain firm in its intention to control the oil industry, and will keep in its hands the direction of the industry as well as exploitation and production," Villaseñor said.

The National Committee of the union intends to send three delegations into the different oil regions of the country to explain to the oil workers the importance of the Cardenas conversations with the representative of the foreign companies, he announced. The delegations are to leave this week and they will also inform the workers of the present state of the industry and its development since the expropriation March, 1938.

TALKS "BENEFICIAL"

Mr. Richberg, interviewed at the railroad station before leaving, refused to say more than that the talks with the President had been "beneficial."

He expressed himself as being satisfied in having learned the reasons for the difference of viewpoints of Mexico and the oil companies.

"There exists a profound diversity of criteria," Richberg declared, "and the way for Mexico and the companies to come to an understanding is still quite long. However, I am happy to have found and explored this way."

Mr. Richberg indicated that immediately upon his return to New York he would inform the directors of the oil companies of his talks with President Cardenas and of the prospects of reaching a mutually satisfactory settlement of the dispute.

Though having stated several days ago that he would return to Mexico towards the end of April, Mr. Richberg stated on leaving that he does not know whether he is returning, since this depends on the companies.

Elman Refugee Concerts Bring Wide Response

From California to Florida and from British Columbia to Maine, requests for Mischa Elman Non-Sectarian Refugee concerts have been pouring into Tour headquarters in New York.

But the eminent violinist, who is travelling 17,000 miles in three months in the interests of German refugees of all faiths, has planned such a strenuous and crowded schedule to fit in the twenty-seven concerts he will give in cities all over the country that it will be impossible to make any additions.

Among the towns requesting concerts which it has been necessary to refuse are Fresno and Burlingame, California; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Poughkeepsie, New York; Pensacola, Florida; Worcester, Massachusetts; Vancouver, British Columbia; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

A mass Daily and Sunday Worker circulation—a mass Communist Party—Communist candidates in the City Council—a great progressive victory in 1940!

Moscow Plant Spurs Socialist Competition

Calls on Workers to Overfill Third 5-Year Plan

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, March 28.—The 4,300 workers, engineers and office employees of the Red Proletarian machine-building plant in Moscow today published a call to workers in every factory of the Soviet Union to organize socialist emulation in the struggle to fulfill and overfill the Third Five-Year Plan.

The same plant started the campaign to emulation which preceded the just-concluded 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

The workers pledged to fulfill their own production schedule for the year by December 12, the anniversary of the first election of the Stalin Constitution.

Prof. Selsam to Lecture at B'klyn Forum Thursday

Professor Howard Selsam of the Philosophy Department of Brooklyn College will lecture on "What Freedom Means" Thursday evening, March 30th. It was announced yesterday by the Highway Forum Sponsors, a progressive Flatbush group.

The lecture will be given at Kingsway Manor, 1207 Kings Highway, Brooklyn.

Professor Selsam is the author of the recently published book, "What Is Philosophy?" a Marxist Book-of-the-Month selection. A question period will follow the lecture.

Heavy Seas Foll Rescue of Four On Alaskan Island

KODIAK, Alaska, March 28 (UP).—High winds and battering seas tonight prevented the Coast Guard Patrol Boat Morris from rescuing four men who for more than a month have fought starvation and the elements on barren Tugidak Island.

The Morris arrived off the island today and reported it had sighted the four men. Two were too weak to stand.

Six men sought refuge on the island after the gasboat Swan was wrecked. Two were dispatched in the only remaining lifeboat to Alitak Island, 30 miles away, for help. They arrived exhausted and the Morris was sent to rescue the other four.

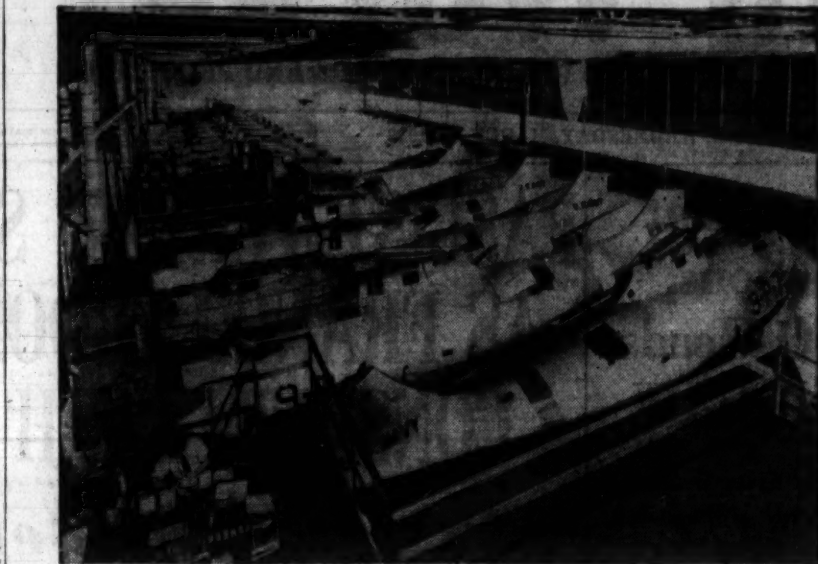
Captain of Atlantic Sea Rescue Dies

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—The Federal Maritime Commission was informed today that Capt. Clifford Smith of New York, master of the S.S. Schodack which rescued 20 persons in the North Atlantic last December, died suddenly at Dunkirk, France.

Under Smith's direction, seamen from the Schodack rescued 20 persons from the foundering Norwegian steamer, S.S. Smaragd last Dec. 23. Smith was decorated in January by the King of Norway for heroism in the rescue.

The Maritime Commission received no details of his death.

Mass Production of Planes



HUGE HULLS of patrol bombers which are now undergoing final assembly at the Consolidated Aircraft plant in San Diego, Cal. The company has just received an order from the Navy of \$4,699,087 for the construction of a squadron of planes of a type and specification which has been kept secret.

Green Appeals for Wide Boycott on Nazi Goods

Speaks for Council Against Nazi Propaganda Over Radio; Assails Hitler Seizure of Czechoslovakia; Says AFL Ban 'Effective'

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor tonight appealed to all citizens of the United States to join in an iron-clad boycott of Nazi-made goods.

Green, in an address over a Columbia Broadcasting System network under auspices of the American Council Against Nazi Propaganda, protested against the annexation of Austria by Adolf Hitler and the partitioning of Czechoslovakia.

"The working people in the United States," he said, "protest, with all the strength and power at their command against the wiping out of trade unions and trade unionism in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. These killing blows directed at trade unionism abroad serve as additional reasons why the great masses of the people and their friends in the United States should boycott Germany as it has never been boycotted before."

"Let us use all means at our command, short of war, in opposition to this march of a ruthless dictator and the establishment of autocratic and dictatorial control upon people who possess all the capacities for self-government and the exercise of democracy."

Green said that the year-old AFL boycott on products of the Third Reich has been extended "effectively."

"One can scarcely comprehend the effect upon the economic situation in Germany," he said, "if all classes of people in our country united thoroughly and wholeheartedly in employing a boycott."

The passing of Czechoslovakia, he said, is "the greatest national tragedy of modern times."

French Order 715 U. S. Planes Embassy Reveals

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—Col. Rene P. G. Weiser, air attaché of the French embassy here, revealed today that France now has ordered 715 American-made fighting planes.

The French air ministry this week ordered 100 more light bombers from the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, Weiser said. Previously, a French air mission in this country placed orders for 615 fighting planes for France's intensive rearmament program.

Gannes to Speak in Philadelphia On World Affairs

Harry Gannes, Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker," will speak on "The Present World Crisis," Sunday evening, April 2nd, 8:15 P.M., at Musicians Hall, 120 North 18th St., under the auspices of the Peoples Forum. This will be Mr. Gannes' first lecture in Philadelphia in several years. Discussion and questions will follow the talk.

The class structure of the U.S.S.R. has reflected the successes of the building of a socialist society in the U.S.S.R.

The working class now totals 27,000,000 as against the 11,600,000 workers of 1928. This increase of millions illustrates the tremendous growth of Soviet industry during the past decade.

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New Argentine Cruiser to Visit World's Fair

BUENOS AIRES, March 28 (UP).—The new Argentine cruiser-training ship, La Argentina, which recently was commissioned to replace the Presidente Sarmiento, will visit the New York World's Fair on its first cruise which starts April 15, it was announced today.

Baladier Speaks On Radio Today On Rome Threats

PARIS, March 28 (UP).—Premier Edouard Daladier in a radio speech at 7:45 P. M. (2:45 P. M. EST) tomorrow will reply to Mussolini's demands of last Sunday.

The cabinet is scheduled to meet at 10 A. M. to approve the text of his speech.

Insurance Death Ring Probe Shifts To New Jersey

PHILADELPHIA, March 28 (UP).—The investigation into operations of an alleged murder-for-insurance syndicate, which has been blamed for 100 deaths, turned to New Jersey today.

Three members of the Homicide Squad of the Philadelphia police, who are familiar with the bizarre ramifications of the case, were ordered to assist New Jersey state police in investigating two "mysterious" deaths—those of a father and son—in the Italian colony at Hammonton, N. J., mid-way between Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Program for Progressive Youth in New Pamphlet

A leader of youth presents a program for all progressive young people to follow in the pamphlet, "Life For America's Sons and Daughters," by John Little, New York State Executive Secretary of the Young Communist League and published by the State Council of the YCL.

The principal theme of the pamphlet is the method of changing the character of the Young Communist League so that it will become, even more than it is today, an educational and cultural organization for young people striving through knowledge and appropriate action to better the lives of the youth in the community, city, state, nation and world.

The pamphlet is "must" reading for all progressives and can be secured at any Young Communist League Branch or at the Workers Bookshop for five cents.

Japanese Arrest 60 For Anti-War Drive On Island of Formosa

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
CHUNGKING, China, March 28.—Sixty persons have been arrested on Formosa Island by Japanese authorities on suspicion of distributing anti-war leaflets, it was reported here today.

Gold Output Up in Ore.

MEDFORD, Ore. (UP).—Hard rock and placer mines of Oregon produced \$2,698,500 in gold during 1938, according to figures released this week by the state mining bureau. This was the second largest production in any year since the discovery of gold in 1852, due largely to the increased price for the metal.

Watch for a new Labor Sports series sizing up the Trade Union Baseball League entries, now in spring training.

RICHARD WRIGHT, NEGRO PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR, IS AWARDED GUGGENHEIM HONOR

British Trade Delegates End Moscow Talks

Opinions Exchanged on Security During Conferences

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, March 28.—Robert S. Hudson, Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department of the British Cabinet, left Moscow yesterday after a series of conferences with Soviet officials.

Hudson had several talks with Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet Foreign Trade Commissar, and Maxim Litvinov, Soviet Foreign Affairs Commissar, and was also received by Vyacheslav Molotov, chairman of the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R.

The detailed discussion was on the present trade relations between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain and on the possibility of further expansion of this trade.

Both sides expressed their positions and brought out a number of essential differences which, it is expected, will be considerably lessened during further negotiations in London, it was announced.

At the same time a friendly exchange of opinions on questions of international policy took place, acquainting both sides with the viewpoints of each other's governments and revealing points of contact as regards their positions in the cause of strengthening peace.

The personal contact which was established between the representative of the British Government and the members of the Soviet Government will undoubtedly facilitate a strengthening of Soviet-British relations and also international collaboration in the interests of solving the problems of safeguarding peace, it was announced.

Church Council Urges U. S. Aid Refugee Victims

An appeal to the United States government to "maintain its historic policy of friendliness to refugees" was issued yesterday by the Federal Council of Churches.

The executive committee of the council, commenting on measures before Congress relating to immigration, took issue with those who claim that unemployment in the country would be aggravated by an influx of refugees.

Nazi Arms Blast Kills Eight in Cartridge Plant

BRUSSELS, March 28 (UP).—Eight persons were killed and 32 were injured today by an explosion in the cartridge department of the National Arms factory at Merstal. Most of them were women workers.

23 Pre-Fabricated Apartments Spring Up in Soviet Capital

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, March 23.—Construction on 23 factory-made six-story apartment houses begins Saturday in various parts of the Soviet capital.

"Express" methods of pre-fabrication construction will be used, and all building details except bricklaying will be handled at individual factories with only assembly being done on the construction site.

Crack Fliers of Two Nations



THE CORONATION SCOT (at left), the express which runs between London and Edinburgh, and the Royal Blue, streamlined flier of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, speeding side by side over a bridge near Relay, Md. The British train will be exhibited at the New York World's Fair.

Tickets on Sale For Krupskaya Memorial Meeting

Blocks of tickets are on sale in the State Office of the Communist Party, 35 East 12th St., for the Krupskaya Memorial meeting at which Earl Browder will be the principal speaker, on April 7 at Webster Hall. Blocks of 20 tickets may be purchased at a 20 per cent discount. Individual tickets at 25c are on sale at the Workers Bookshop.

Fascist Terror Is Launched As Madrid Falls

Secret Police Begin to Search City With "Black Book"

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tellana where they had been in hiding.

The troops occupying Madrid included a foreign corps commanded by General Enrique Saliquet and three mixed Italian-Spanish "Arrow" divisions commanded by General Gaetano Gambra, Italian military chief who recently returned to Spain after consultation with Mussolini in Rome.

(Mussolini was said to have insisted that the Italian Blackshirts be permitted to participate in the occupation of Madrid.)

The occupying forces moved into the city by way of Aranjuez on the South while other columns swept down the Guadalajara road to the northeast and in through the ruins of University City on the northwest.

The surrender of the city was completed at noon when Colonel Pena Madrid, Governor of Madrid, turned over his authority to Colonel Prios Capatel of the 18th Brigade of Franco's First Division.

Republican commanders previously had told their troops by radio to lay down their arms and not resist the fascist occupation.

VALENCIA, March 28 (UP).—General Jose Miaja tonight was understood to have ordered all remaining Republican troops to throw down their arms as a result of the surrender of Madrid.

Miaja conferred with his advisers throughout the day on details of surrendering the remainder of Republican Spain and its 6,000,000 people to General Francisco Franco.

Miaja's orders to the remnants of the republican army to surrender were said to have applied to the 20th army defending the Mediterranean east coast.

All members of Miaja's regime established in Madrid on March 5 were understood to have fled to Valencia with the exception of Julian Besteiro, Minister of Interior who remained there as Franco's troops marched into the capital.

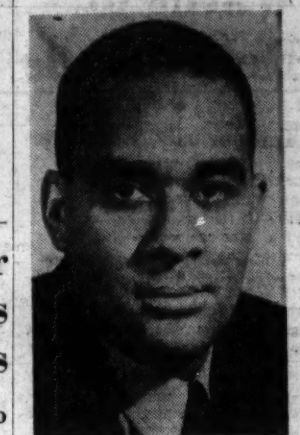
One of the last to arrive in Valencia tonight was War Minister Col. Segismundo Casado.

There were unconfirmed reports that Miaja, Casado and other Defense Council leaders might be evacuated aboard British or French warships.

British Envoys Confer on Policy Toward China

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
TOKIO, March 28.—Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, British Ambassador to Tokyo, is leaving Saturday for Shanghai to confer with Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador to China, on Britain's future policy in China in connection with the changed situation in Europe, it was learned here today.

WPA O'Henry Prize-Winning Novelist Gets Scholarship



RICHARD WRIGHT
Richard Wright, Negro newspaperman, poet, short story writer and novelist, has won a Guggenheim scholarship amounting to \$2,500.

Mr. Wright, who is on the staff of the Federal Writers' Project in New York City, has a life story as interesting as that of Joe Louis. Like Louis, he rose from the Deep South, where he was born on a plantation near Natchez, Mississippi. His childhood was spent in an orphan home. He has worked at many jobs, including farm labor, street sweeping, dishwashing, and as a porter.

Mr. Wright has won other literary prizes including the Story Magazine award for WPA writers. His most recent book was "Uncle Tom's Children."

Allen, Bates to Talk at Raven Wedding Friday

Jay Allen, noted foreign correspondent and Ralph Bates, novelist, whose latest volume of short stories "Sorrow" has just been published, will be the principal speakers at a wedding dinner given by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to honor Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raven, at the Town Hall Club, 43rd Street, East of Broadway, on Friday, March 31, at 7 P. M.

Mr. Raven, who was blinded and crippled while fighting with the Loyalist forces in Spain married his nurse, Mary Tanenhaus, upon his return from a nation-wide lecture tour. She accompanied him and they were married in New York upon the completion of the tour.

All proceeds of this affair will go toward the \$100,000 Disabled Veterans' Fund now being established by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. This Fund has been inaugurated to care for the 180 men who have returned from the fight for democracy in Spain, temporarily and in some cases, permanently incapacitated.

British Hear of New Nazi Forts Facing 'Big Rock'

GIBRALTAR, March 28 (UP).—Reports that German technicians are directing the construction of new fortifications at Algeiras and other Spanish fascist bases around Gibraltar today caused anxiety among British residents here.

More than 4,000 fascist prisoners of war were said to have arrived over the week-end to work on the fortifications while 750 military engineers are being divided into construction divisions.

SOVIET RUSHES CENSUS PUBLICATION; WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE SHOWN IN DATA

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, March 28.—The detailed statistical data of the census of the Soviet population taken this January is now being rushed through three mechanical sorting offices and will be ready for publication by June 1, 1940, it was announced here today.

The huge task of arranging the census information is being handled by the Central Statistical Bureau on National Economy of the State Planning Commission of the U.S.S.R.

The preliminary data released to-

day by the Bureau is striking confirmation of the speech by Joseph Stalin, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to the recent 18th Congress of the CPSU.

The census shows that the two Stalinist Five-Year Plans of socialist-construction have radically changed the life of the people of the Soviet Union, expressed in a rapid rise in population figures to a peak of 170,162,000.

The 1922 census, taken when the territory of the U.S.S.R. had not yet been completely recovered from the White-Guard and invaders,

showed a population of about 134,200,000. One-quarter of the territory had to be estimated in this census.

SABOTAGE IN 1937

The next census, taken on Dec. 17, 1928, already showed a population increase of 147,000,000.

The 1937 census was sabotaged by Trotskyist wreckers in the State Planning Commission, resulting in unscientific procedure and hence false results.

The January, 1939, census was called to make good the faulty census of two years ago.

The class structure of the U.S.S.R. has reflected the successes of the building of a socialist society in the U.S.S.R.

The working class now totals 27,000,000 as against the 11,600,000 workers of 1928. This increase of millions illustrates the tremendous growth of Soviet industry during the past decade.

The city population has more than doubled in the past 12 years, being marked not only in the growth of old cities but also in the rise of new cities by the score.

OHIO C. P. LEADER LINKS MUNICHMEN TO U. S. REACTION

Williamson Cites Similarity of Policy of Domestic Tories and Foreign "Appeasers" of Fascism; Draws Lesson from Spain

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, March 28.—The working class must realize its role and its power in determining foreign policy, John Williamson, state secretary of the Communist Party in Ohio, told a state committee meeting here in outlining tasks of the Party and all progressives in the state, national and foreign affairs.

Williamson, who denounced England's Prime Minister Chamberlain and France's Premier Daladier as "the same traitors they were at Munich," stressed in his discussion of the fight against reaction in this country the necessity of blocking the Tory drive in Ohio, home state of Senator Robert A. Taft and Gov. John W. Bricker, two of the leading possibilities for the G.O.P. presidential nomination in 1940.

The other leading report in the day-long session of the state committee was that of A. W. Mills, Williamson's associate in guiding Party affairs in Ohio. Mills dealt with the organizational and agitational work of the Party. Other speakers included Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, noted women's leader, who was in town for a public rally and who urged the necessity of work among women as part of the progressive movement.

American workers, puzzled by partial and distorted news of European events, must be shown that the traitorous Chamberlain and Daladier have been forced to change their tone only by mass indignation of their peoples and that, before they felt this, there was "not a squeak" about the rape of Czechoslovakia except from the United States and the Soviet Union, he said, in beginning his detailed analysis of the European situation.

LESSON FROM SPAIN

This analysis, in addition to dealing precisely with the Nazi aggressive moves of the recent past, also considered the Spanish situation. The Communist leader pointed out that the people of Spain had never been conquered and had fought gallantly, regardless of political belief, against the traitors who engineered the military coup in Madrid.

His proposals, supported by the

Legislature Balks on Mich. Anti-Labor Bill

AFL, CIO, Farm Unity Checks Fitzgerald Measure in Senate

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., March 28.—The continued pressure of resolutions, mass meetings, telegrams organized through the mass campaign of the A. F. of L., C. I. O., Civil Rights Federation and Michigan farmers, today forced the Senate Labor Committee to state that they will not report the Fitzgerald Labor Bill out of Committee with its present objectionable clauses.

Senator Harry F. Hittie, Republican Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Senate, said: "This bill will only antagonize labor, it would not curb strikes, it would foment strikes, and I am in favor of re-writing the whole bill, patterning it after the New York Labor Bill."

Governor Dickinson has asked that the Senate Labor Committee will call in the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. and others to a meeting on April 6 to draft the new bill.

Other members of the Senate Labor Committee when queried today about the bill all agreed that it would not pass out of Committee; they stated that only one letter had been received favoring the bill and hundreds were still coming in against the bill.

Last week the House of Representatives after a five-hour debate passed the bill 58 to 37, eleven Republicans voted against and ten did not vote. The Michigan Democrats in the House voted solidly against the bill.

Leaders of the Civil Rights Federation today warned that the bill is not yet completely dead until the Committee of the Senate officially votes it down.

State Senator Opposes Cut for State Employees

ALBANY, March 28 (UP).—Sen. Thomas G. Desmond, Newburgh Republican, said today that he opposed "any pay cuts for state employees."

Desmond told a delegation of civil service workers members of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America that any budget cutting should start in legislature.

Assembly minority leader Irwin Steingut told the delegation that "salaries and pay increases are the last things we want to touch."

Schools Get WPA Aid in Safety Drive

Project Teachers Attend City Safety Council Convention Today

A monthly average of 102,000 elementary and junior high school children in Greater New York are becoming grounded in the ordinary rules of safety precaution through instruction they receive from a staff of nearly 100 WPA teachers, under the direction of the Board of Education. Edward J. McLaughlin, in charge of the work, announced yesterday that the entire staff is in attendance this week at the Tenth Annual Convention of the Greater New York Safety Council, which will conclude a three-day session at the Hotel Pennsylvania today.

"These WPA teachers are attending the sessions on their own time," said Mr. McLaughlin, in order to take back to their classes the latest information under current discussion on the subject of safety on the highways, in the home and elsewhere.

The WPA instructs children in safety through theoretical teaching in the classroom, by means of actual demonstrations in the streets and through the medium of the motion picture, which offers specially prepared films on how to cross the streets and how to promote greater safety in the home.

It is hoped through this means of safety education to lessen the extent of injury to children at play and to decrease what was described as an appalling loss of life due to ordinary carelessness.

Assembly Vetoes Move To Lift Bars on Night Work for Waitresses

ALBANY, March 28 (UP).—The Assembly today voted down the Todd Bill to permit women over 16 to work in restaurants in cities of less than 25,000 population, until 1 A. M. at present women can work only until midnight.

LEGISLATORS ASSAIL BIAS AGAINST NEGROES AT FAIR

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—New York City members of the state legislature sharply condemned the anti-Negro bias of World's Fair authorities in statements issued today following a series of articles in the Daily and Sunday Worker exposing discriminatory employment practices.

The legislators expressed concern that the World's Fair should permit its stated ideals of "peace and democracy" to be blighted by racial discrimination. They urged that their officials employ persons without regard to race, color or creed.

Negro people, according to the Daily Worker articles, have received less than 40 out of 2,000 Fair jobs and have been restricted to menial positions. Job discrimination has also been practiced against Jewish and other minority groups, the articles charge.

Among those who protested this policy today were Assemblyman Oscar Garcia-Rivera, American Labor Party; Assemblyman Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Democrat; Senator Philip Kleinfield, Democrat; and Assemblyman Joseph Bocca, progressive Republican.

"I wish the Fair to be successful in all respects," declared Assemblyman Wagner. "But if it is to truly depict the 'World of Tomorrow,' it should show a world without prejudice and without bigotry. 'It is indeed unfortunate,' he added, 'that a project which has received the united support of all people should adopt a policy of discrimination.'"

Asserting that he could not find words sharp enough to denounce the Fair's personnel practices, Rivera urged that the anti-discrimination bills now being suppressed in Republican-dominated committees, receive the support of all people.

The bills would enforce the equal rights amendment to the constitution adopted by the people last fall and would penalize firms, institutions, public agencies and persons who discriminate on the grounds of race, color or creed.

"It is by legislation such as this," Rivera said, "that we prove our devotion to democracy."

Bocca and Kleinfield took a grave

Exemption of Crippled Workers From Wage-Hour Law Continued

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—Wage Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews today announced a continuation of a temporary blanket exemption from the provisions of the Wage-Hour Law of handicapped workers in charitable institutions.

Communists must participate actively everywhere in the municipal elections which this year will bring to Ohio, Williamson said, lining up support for all progressives and bringing the Party's position to the voters through independent candidates.

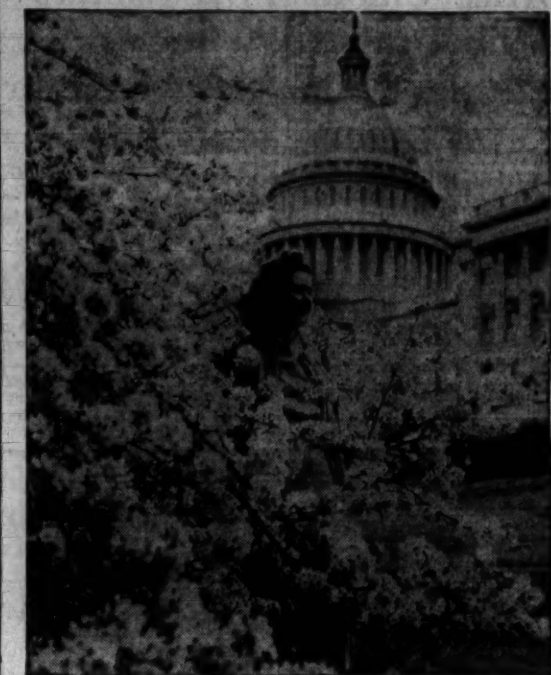
He discussed in detail the tactics suitable for such campaigns. The state secretary called upon the committeemen for the sharpest re-examination of the Party's role in mass organizations, urging a re-reading of the words of Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party of the U.S.A., on this subject and reading and discussing the auto worker editorial in Monday's Daily Worker.

Mills, in an attention-compelling report, stressed the necessity of mastering Party theory and policy, calling special attention to the history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and to the necessity of organizing study groups around this book.

After a detailed analysis of the results of recent registration period, in which he broke the figures down into industrial and racial groups, Mills went on to discuss the necessity of cutting down fluctuation in Party membership and of means through which this could be accomplished.

He then turned to a thorough discussion of mass agitational work, pointing out certain weaknesses which must be overcome in the immediate future and listing the agitational weapons available: mass meetings, distribution of leaflets, radio talks, increased sale of Party literature, movies and forums and, most important, wide circulation of the Party press.

Cherry Blossoms Bloom



HERALD OF SPRING: Miss Agnes Mills poses among the first cherry blossoms to burst into bloom in the District of Columbia. In the background is the dome of the National Capitol.

Rallies Tonight to Push State Low-Rent Program

Immediate passage of housing legislation to enable a state-wide program for low-rent projects and slum clearance will be demanded tonight at three mass meetings called by the Temporary Committee for Housing.

Tenants and all groups interested in public housing will attend the meetings at Morris High School in the Bronx, Eastern District High School in Brooklyn, and Central Commercial High School in Manhattan to voice their demands for immediate action for low-rent housing.

Leading city officials, including Mayor LaGuardia, Council President Newbold Morris and Housing Commissioner Alfred Rheinheim are expected to address the meetings.

Transamerica Surrenders Books to SEC

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—Securities and Exchange Commission counsel announced today that Transamerica Corporation, Pacific Coast investment firm, had agreed to give the SEC full access to its books and records and those of its subsidiaries.

The agreement, however, does not include access to books and records of the Bank of America.

Bank of America has appealed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals an adverse ruling in its fight to prevent SEC public examination of its records.

SEC Assistant General Counsel O. John Rogge made the announcement as hearings resumed in the controversial case in which the SEC has charged that Transamerica filed "false and misleading" statements.

The hearing was adjourned indefinitely, subject to call on 10 days' notice from the commission, in order to permit the commission's staff to examine the books and records.

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CIO-AFL UNITY ON PICKET LINE BRINGS STRIKE VICTORY

Texas Building Trades Union Wins Demands As Seamen Help

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., March 28.—While labor unity was being discussed over the conference table in New York and Washington, AFL and CIO unions in Corpus Christi have gone ahead and established unity on the picket line.

Two weeks of joint AFL-CIO picketing, with AFL carpenters marching side by side with CIO seamen and oil workers, has brought the successful conclusion of an agreement between the local Building Trades Council and the contractor for the \$650,000 Bayfront Project.

The joint picket line was set up about two weeks ago when the

Building Trades Council termed the Bayfront Project unfair to local organized labor and charged the contractor with importing workers from other cities.

All AFL and CIO unions in the city immediately announced their support of the building trades workers and organized participation in the picket line, which was maintained daily around the 1½ mile project. Two mass parades of AFL and CIO members were held along the bayfront. Although the dispute affected only the Building Trades workers, every union in the city pitched in to help win the fight.

Settlement of the dispute was reached March 24 at a conference in the Mayor's office with a U.S. Department of Labor conciliator present and a joint AFL-CIO negotiating committee representing the unions. The agreement provides for the hiring of all skilled crafts

All Unions Join in Struggle for Pact On Big Project

through the unions and the hiring of common laborers through the Texas State Employment Office. The union scale of wages was provided for in the contract between the city and the contractor.

A joint council of all CIO and AFL unions was set up in Corpus Christi last fall, but was later broken up when the AFL locals were threatened with having their charters lifted if they remained in the council. That the break-up of the joint council failed to destroy the unity movement here has been demonstrated by the continued cooperation of the AFL and CIO and the solid unity maintained throughout the bayfront fight.

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Building Trades Council Backs Plumbers Strike

All Unions Will Act to Prevent Strikebreaking, Resolution Declares; Employers Refuse to Attend Parley

The Building Trades Council of New York yesterday voted unanimously to give full backing to Local 463 United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters in event strikebreaking is attempted as the union's walkout to retain the six-hour day, now in its second week, continued.

The action of the Building Trades followed after an unsuccessful attempt of the State Mediation Board to bring representatives of the Master Plumbers Assn. to a conference with the union.

The resolution adopted, gave assurance that no strikebreakers will be permitted to take the places of strikers on any construction work. Only five minutes before the scheduled 2 P. M. conference arranged by the State Mediation Board at its offices, 257 Fifty-seventh St., Monday, the employers sent a telegram declaring they will not appear. Upon telephone inquiries made by Miss Mabel Leslie, of the State Mediation Board, representatives of the Master Plumbers told her they would not confer unless Mr. George Masterton, International representative of the United Association of Plumbers took part in the conference.

Mr. Masterton was not in the city, and could not be reached on his attitude on the demand of the employers for return to a seven-hour day and a wage cut of 10 per cent.

Strike ranks of nearly 2,000 workers remained solid, with picket lines marching in front of all major construction jobs. No attempt has been made to use strikebreakers.

Thompson to FCC

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—President Roosevelt today nominated Frederick I. Thompson of Mobile, Ala., to replace Eugene O. Sykes, retired, as a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Thompson is a former Alabama newspaper publisher.

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Hatters Fight Temporary Book System

Petitions Urge Abolition of Seven Years of Discrimination

Petitions to the executive board of Local 24, United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, were being circulated yesterday urging abolition of the "temporary book" system which has deprived a group of union members of all rights for the past seven years. The petitions, signed by union members, point out that:

"This system of temporary books which, for the past seven years, has excluded a number of our union members from union meetings, has kept them from participating in elections and from assuming functions in the shops, is not to the interest of our union and does not correspond with the spirit of our time."

They urged abolition of the system and restoration of "all union rights and privileges to all those who still hold temporary books."

The Committee on Temporary Books pointed out that at the 1936 convention of the International Union, Local 24 was instructed to dispose of the issue speedily. Despite the convention decision, about 50 workers are still forced to carry these discriminatory cards which ban their participation at union meetings, elections or any other activities.

The committee appealed to all union members to sign the petition, pointing out that:

"This system of discrimination is splitting our forces in the shops and weakening our common struggle for better conditions."

Deadly Insect Bound for U.S., Says Scientist

Brazilian Mosquito Is Carrying Vicious Type of Malaria

A mosquito so dangerous that it killed 10 per cent of the population of certain districts of Brazil last year may eventually reach North America, President Raymond B. Fosdick of the Rockefeller Foundation reported today.

Announcing the discovery of "Anopheles Gambiae," the Foundation's report said it was the most dangerous member of the mosquito family. Last year it infected with malaria 90 per cent of the inhabitants of the Jaguaribe Valley in Ceara state, Brazil, and in certain districts the mortality rate was 10 per cent.

The mosquito caused disruption of the normal life of the communities to the extent that virtually every person in the affected areas will be on government relief this year, the report said.

The species originated in Africa and was discovered in Natal, Brazil, by Dr. Raymond C. Shannon, during a routine investigation in connection with a yellow fever survey.

Lehman Urged To Rush State Housing Aid

Governor Lehman and leaders of the Legislature were urged yesterday by the executive committee of the National Public Housing Conference, to take immediate action to provide state aid to local authorities for slum clearance and low-rent housing projects.

The resolution was addressed to the Governor, to Senator Joseph R. Hanley and Assemblyman Abbot Low Moffat as majority leaders and to Senator John J. Dunnigan and Assemblyman Irwin Steingut as leaders of the minority. It endorsed the principles of the Desmond-

Workers' Enemies Exposed

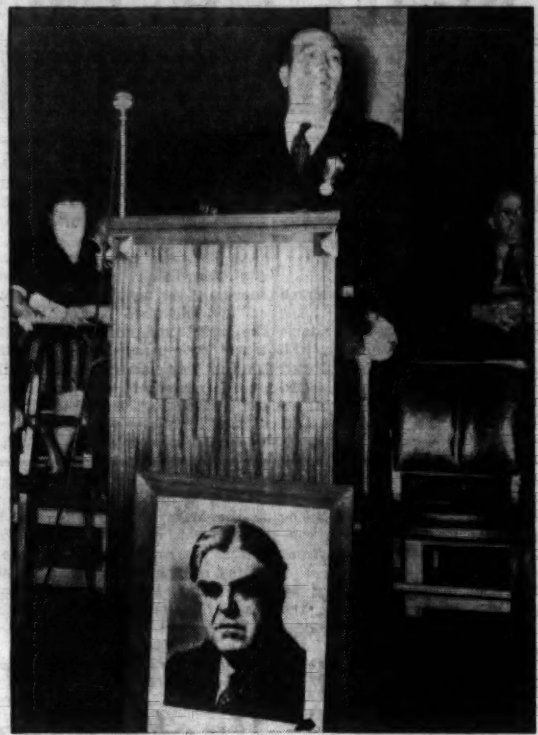
The Daily Worker has received inquiries about Harry M. Wicks, stating that he is conducting a "study class" for a group of enemies of the labor movement, although in the past this man has been associated with the Communist Party.

In reply we can inform our readers that Wicks was expelled from the Communist Party in July, 1938, on charges of conduct betraying the interests of the labor movement, and for political degeneracy of individualistic careerist nature.

That this holds true in relation to his activities in the Typographical Union in Chicago is evidenced by many facts, one of which is that during the recent American Newspaper Guild strike in Chicago, Wicks led a fight in his union against a motion to make a donation to the strikers of the American Newspaper Guild, and at the same time made a vicious attack against the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Wicks has now openly associated himself with a group of followers of the notorious Lovestone, ill-disguised agents of fascism.

Keynotes Auto Union Parley



SPECIAL CONVENTION of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, opened by Acting President R. J. Thomas, Jr. in Cleveland, Ohio. More than 500 delegates are at the meeting. In the lower foreground is a portrait of John L. Lewis, President of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

ILLINOIS C. P. CALLS STUDY PLAN PARLEY

CHICAGO, March 28.—The distribution and study of the 6,500 copies of "History of C. P. S. U." in Illinois, launched at a citywide functionary meeting on Washington's Birthday, at which William Z. Foster, was the main speaker, is being spurred by an intensive Party educational campaign.

Two commissions have been appointed, one on sale and promotion, the other on study of the book. "Everything will be done," stated Ed Brown, State Organizational Secretary "in bringing forward the campaign to prevent it from being considered just a problem of getting rid of so many copies, or even of raising money—making the foundation, even of the task of selling the book, a question of its great contribution to the Party's work and the perspective one of intensive study."

Of the quota of 6,500 copies, Cook County has been assigned 4,700; 1,000 to the Y.C.L. the national groups, and the remainder will be distributed to the downstate sections.

A Conference on Education will

Meets Her Grandchildren



THE FIRST LADY, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, arriving in Seattle, Wash., to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, was greeted at the Seattle airport by her grandchildren, Anna Eleanor (Sisley) Dall and Curtis Roosevelt (Buzze) Dall. Mrs. Boettiger, mother of the Dalls, expects another child soon.

Union Nails Rumor That Yeast Strike Has Been Settled

The United Wholesale Food Employees Union, Local 220, CIO, yesterday issued a denial to rumors that the strikes at the Bakers and Consumers' Yeast Co. and the Imperial Yeast Co. had been settled.

The union accused the firm of spreading rumors about the settlement of the strikes in a move to break the support given by consumers and labor organizations.

The producers of the firms have been put on the unfair list by the Bakers Union, Local 507, AFL and the Grocery Clerks Union, Local 338, CIO. Local 220 appealed to all consumers to aid the strikers gain a contract providing for wage increases and improved conditions.

Committee Blocks Move to End Control of Silver Purchasing

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP).—The House Committee today defeated by 10 to 7, a Republican proposal to terminate the President's power to devalue the dollar, and to end the silver purchase program.

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Office Union Claim by AFL Termed 'Lie'

Purported Desire of 12 CIO Locals to Shift 'Imaginary'

The claim of the A. F. of L. that it had "received bids" from locals of the United Office and Professional Workers of America was declared as an "imaginary raid" and a "fantastic lie" in a statement issued yesterday by Lewis Merrill, general president of the C. I. O. union.

The statement charged Frank Weikel, president of the A. F. of L. International Council of Office Workers, with serving "those reactionary interests which are anxious to perpetuate division in labor's ranks."

Merrill declared that "organized white collar workers are loyal to the UOPWA and the CIO" and cited as evidence messages from every city in which the AFL claimed defections, repudiating Weikel's statement. He stated that the UOPWA was replying to this "fantastic lie" by extending organization to ever wider sections of white collar workers. Merrill's statement follows, in part:

"The claims of the American Federation of Labor that it has 'received bids from locals (of the UOPWA) in a dozen cities is so preposterous that, if not for the cordial reception accorded it by the press, the only reply it would merit is a hearty laugh."

SPLITS AGITATION

"However, Frank Weikel's buffoonery is unintentional. His purpose in claiming that 'disillusioned' UOPWA locals are seeking affiliation with the AFL is to create the impression of disunity where it does not exist. In so doing Mr. Weikel is serving the interests of those reactionary interests which are anxious to perpetuate existing divisions in labor's ranks."

"The fantastic charge of 'disillusion' with the CIO is a feeble attempt to cover up the complete failure of the AFL to organize white collar workers."

"The one field where the AFL has conducted a vigorous organizing drive and scored a notable victory is the office of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. We have been unable to discover whether the ILGWU has offices in all of the 12 cities with which the AFL claims to be negotiating. However, the close collaboration between Frank Weikel, private secretary to William Green, and Anne Gould, manager in the office of one of David Dubinsky's local unions, is evidenced by the fact that a goodly portion of the AFL statement is based on a resolution issued by a group of ILGWU office employees who left UOPWA Local 18 (New York) last week."

"The 'History of the C.P.S.U.' will be on sale at all Party branches at the end of March, at 40¢ per copy. It is a 384-page cloth-bound book, written under the direct supervision of the Central Committee, C.P.S.U."

STRONG FOR C.I.O.

"The organized white collar workers are loyal to the UOPWA and the CIO. This is evidenced by countless messages from every city in which the AFL claims support, repudiating Mr. Weikel's statement and reaffirming their loyalty. Since the entire AFL statement is a fantastic lie, it is pointless to refute the individual lies and distortions which make up this statement. The UOPWA and its membership is every day making a most effective reply to these absurd attacks by extending organization to ever wider sections of white collar workers."

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, March 28.—A published statement purported to come from Frank Weikel, president of the A. F. of L. council of Office Workers that 12 CIO office locals wanted to shift to the A. F. of L. was branded as "completely without basis of fact and completely untrue," by Evelyn Lesser, president of Local 7 of the United Office and Professional Workers of the CIO in this city.

The Newark local was one of the 12 locals Weikel listed.

"Our local is in the midst of an organization drive," Miss Lesser's statement declared, "and through the cooperation of the CIO office and our international office, the membership of our local has more than doubled in the past few months."

"Local 7 stands with and in support of the United Office and Professional Workers and of the CIO."

Casting Call Issued by New Labor Theatre

The New Labor Theatre, now going into its third successful season, has issued a casting call for a new up-to-the-minute review, directed by Arthur Elmer, well-known actor-director.

The review, as yet untitled, will bring the total number of pieces in their repertoire to five. The New Labor Theatre offers "Plant in the Sun," "Private Hicks," and the still popular "Waiting For Lefty" for rallies, union meetings, banquets, parties, etc.

Dancers, singers and comedians are asked to report to the New Labor Theatre's studio at 430 6th Ave., near 9th St., tonight at 8 P. M. Actors are also needed for "Plant in the Sun" on Tuesday, March 28, at 8 P. M.

FDR Confers With Loyalist Ambassador

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also would fly.

Mussolini, in a balcony speech to 10,000 persons assembled in Venice Square this afternoon, declared that "Italian legionnaires have entered Madrid and the war in Spain may therefore be considered to have ended."

After the speech the crowd shouted "Tunisia!" repeatedly but Mussolini retired from the balcony after his brief remarks and made no reference to Italian demands against France.

HITLER CALLS IT HIS VICTORY

BERLIN, March 28 (UP).—Nazis today hailed the fascist victory in Spain as another milestone in the Rome-Berlin totalitarian partnership.

"To a great extent, of course, the fall of Madrid had long been discounted here," an official spokesman said. "It is a source of satisfaction to note that the Republicans did not attempt further useless, bloody resistance in the city."

Hitler telegraphed "heartiest congratulations" to General Francisco Franco on the fall of Madrid.

Triumphant headlines appeared over exultant dispatches in afternoon newspapers.

FRANCO AIDE FLAYS DEMOCRACIES

BURGOS, Spain, March 28 (UP).—Ramon Serrano Suner, premier of fascist Spain, attacked the Western democracies vigorously in a broadcast tonight for their attitude towards the civil war.

"Spain will not forget the attempt of the democracies to compel the Reds [Republicans] to surrender in exchange for assurances regarding the political future of Spain," Serrano Suner said.

President Asks 45,000-Ton Battleships

Super-Dreadnaughts to Answer Japanese Threats to U.S.

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vessels could be equipped either with 15 of the currently used 16-inch guns or nine to 12 of the 18-inch models. Six 35,000-ton dreadnaughts now under construction are to be equipped with the 16-inch guns.

Mr. Roosevelt's approval of the super-vessels was presaged a week ago when Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, asked Congress to authorize Federal financial aid to private interests for construction of a graving dock in New York Harbor big enough to handle 45,000-ton ships. A bill carrying out the recommendation has been introduced in the Senate.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will meet tomorrow to set a date for opening hearings on various proposals to amend or repeal the Neutrality Act.

Dies with Hands On Throttle While Making Last Run

HORNELL, N. Y., March 28 (UP).—An Erie Railroad train roared into Hornell yesterday with Engineer Arthur C. Porter at the throttle.

It was Engineer Porter's last run and he gazed fondly at familiar scenes. Suddenly he beckoned to Fireman H. C. Harrington to take charge of the locomotive. Then the engineer slumped to the floor of the cab.

The fireman brought the train to a stop. Porter was dead when a doctor examined him.

Cheat Death in Crash



A NARROW ESCAPE was had by all when this huge airliner overshot the airfield at Atlanta, Ga., and struck a tree. The 17 passengers and the crew of 3, arriving from Miami, Fla., escaped with a shaking up. The plane was not seriously damaged.

Judicial Nominees Meet



NEWEST MEMBERS of the nation's courts, Dean Wiley Rutledge of the University of Iowa Law School (left), who was named to be justice of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and William O. Douglas, whose appointment to the Supreme Court was unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Health Needs of Upper East Side Surveyed

"Public Health is purchasable." That is the slogan of the New York State Department of Health.

Even with a very small expenditure by the government, what can be purchased in the way of human life, health, and happiness, is illustrated by the facts concerning infant mortality in a "demonstration area" in East Harlem.

Between 1916 and 1920 the infant mortality rate in this area was 101 per thousand live births. When a health center was built through the initiative of the Red Cross, the rate was cut to 62 in the same area between 1930 and 1934. In the next three years the rate fell to 55.

If you live in the territory between 114 and 118th Streets on the upper East Side of Manhattan, and you do NOT have tuberculosis, you're pretty lucky. The death rate from this dreaded disease in this area between 1929 and 1933 was 253 per hundred thousand, compared to a city-wide rate of only 66.

If you live somewhere between Third and Fifth Avenues between 112th and 119th Streets and have a baby that lives and thrives — you're also luckier than a lot of people. Out of every thousand live babies born in this area during the same period, 91 died, as compared with a city-wide average of 55.

These two figures are only random examples of the appalling conditions of health in Harlem generally. The reasons for these conditions are not hard to find: bad housing, overcrowding, unemployment, and inadequate health facilities. These things have been known for a long time.

Today, however, a new idea has begun to stir the masses of Harlem as well as the entire nation. It is the New Deal idea that the health of its citizens is a concern of the government. The idea found eloquent expression in the National Health Program adopted by the National Health Conference in Washington last July.

New York's progressive City administration likewise has taken a number of important steps to meet the problem, such as the building of District Health Centers, and the setting up of District Health Committees to involve the Department of Health and the community in a joint effort to improve the health of the people of a given area.

The present reactionary Republican drive against Governor Lehman's tax budget for New York State, masked under the guise of "economy," is really an attack on the general welfare of the people. Cutting down on state financial aid, small though it is, will mean the virtual elimination of all forms of relief and social welfare.

Here in Harlem, where there is such widespread poverty, the greatest effect of such cuts will manifest itself in the general health conditions of the people. Consequently, it is important that the true sentiment of the people against any lowering of state financial aid, be made apparent in no uncertain terms.

Lehman said Miss Miller has been a "splendid public servant" and added:

"She has done a fine job as Commissioner of Labor since I appointed her to succeed Commissioner Elmer F. Andrews last summer."

"I can not believe that the Republicans in control of the Senate would be foolish enough not to confirm her appointment."

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WPA Bloc in Congress Cites Relief Needs

Temporarily Eliminate Parity Payments to Farmers

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will then be glad to vote for it because we are sure that the WPA appropriation will have been passed as a result of this protest."

Today's upset took place just prior to the meeting of the House Appropriations Committee which will meet tomorrow morning to decide whether to grant the President's request for WPA funds. The issue will come to the floor of the House on Thursday.

Reactionary members of the committee have been haggling for weeks over a deal to cut the appropriation asked by the President by about \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

REPUBLICANS SPLIT

Whether the show of strength by the WPA bloc will force members of the committee as well as southern Democrats to support the adequate relief for the unemployed will be demonstrated in the show-down on WPA Thursday.

As a result of the comparatively close division in the House on the parity payments, the WPA bloc from the large cities held the balance of power and was able to make its demonstration effective.

Republicans were badly split on the issue with the majority opposing payments because of their general objections to New Deal measures as well as to make a show of "economy." A strong group of Republicans from farm states, however, favored the parity payments.

Most of the Democrats were for the item—but they needed the support of the WPA bloc to defeat the Republicans. This support the bloc refused to give without assurances from farm Congressmen that they would back WPA.

For the past week, Sabbath, Marcantonio and other leaders had pleaded with the farm Congressmen from the south and other areas to support WPA. When assurances of support for the President's request for \$150,000,000 were not forthcoming, they decided to vote against the item.

DEFEAT EXPORT SUBSIDIES

On a teller vote earlier in the day, the House approved the parity payments by a vote of 175 to 171. It was on the roll call vote that took place just before adjournment that the proposal went down to defeat. So close was the margin while the roll call was being taken, that even leaders of the opposing groups were not certain of what had happened until the clerk announced the results.

Representatives James H. Pay, Samuel Dickstein, Martin J. Kennedy, Michael J. Kennedy and Marcantonio were among the New York congressmen who voted against the parity payments in protest. Pennsylvanians from urban areas did likewise, including Robert Allen, Michael Bradley, Leon Sacks and Joseph McCardle.

Sabbath, Raymond S. McKeough, and Arthur W. Mitchell were among the Chicago Congressmen who sided with the WPA bloc. Arthur Healey and Joseph E. Casey were two of the Massachusetts Congressmen who voted against the parity payments.

An amendment was passed earlier in the day limiting benefit payments to farmers to \$2,500 instead of \$10,000 as at present. An amendment proposed by Chairman Marvin Jones of the House Agriculture Committee, and supported by President Roosevelt, to provide \$50,000,000 in export subsidies was defeated in the excited shuffle of the closing hours of the day's session.

MARCANTONIO BLOCKS TORY MANEUVER

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, A. L. P., N. Y., leader of the city group seeking to trade support for the parity fund for farm votes for President Roosevelt's \$150,000,000 relief appropriation, blocked the move to restrict debate to two hours and 20 minutes.

Marcantonio objected to an unanimous consent request by Rep. Clarence Cannon, D., Mo., after the House had wrangled for half an hour in an attempt to insure a speedy vote on the controversial parity fund.

Cannon sought an agreement for general debate on the parity amendment—a procedure which would place him in control of the time. After opponents of the \$250,000,000 fund and advocates of a still larger appropriation received assurance of recognition, the House appeared on the point of agreeing to the request. But Marcantonio objected and blocked the move.

Lehman Turns 61

ALBANY, March 28 (UP).—Gov. Lehman celebrated his 61st birthday by working at his desk. There will be a birthday dinner at the Executive Mansion tonight. Only members of the family will attend.

A mass Daily and Sunday Worker circulation—a mass Communist Party to Communist candidates in the City Council—a great progressive victory in 1940!

Seattle Rally To Push Huge May Day Plans

Christian Groups Halt Scrap Iron Cargo to Japanese

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SEATTLE, March 28.—Plans for a massive May Day parade are under way here, it was announced today by E. A. Harding, secretary of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific's Washington District Council, sponsors of the demonstration this year.

A city-wide conference has been called for April 8 in the Moose Temple when not only A. F. of L. and CIO unions will gather to map plans for the procession but community clubs, church organizations and all progressives are expected to participate.

"This period is one of the most critical labor has ever faced," Harding said today, as he recalled that International Labor Day, which originated in the United States in 1886, launched the drive for the eight-hour day.

"Today on a nation-wide scale open shoppers are on a wage-cutting offensive to take from labor those wages and conditions won by 50 years of organized effort," Harding said.

Locally, he said, the Associated Farmers are maneuvering to shackle labor with crippling legislation and are the spearhead of a drive on the standard of living here by their attack on social security.

The same anti-labor forces by shipping scrap iron to fascist countries are endeavoring to enslave the people in other democracies, the May Day call warned.

Harding urged a mighty parade on May Day this year, when Washington State is celebrating its year of Golden Jubilee, as a symbol of labor's determination to defend democracy and safeguard its hard-won gains.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 28.—Loading of scrap iron aboard the Japanese liner India Maru has been at a standstill here since pickets from Christian organizations turned back longshoremen last Wednesday, March 22, at Pier 41.

A move to close the port to scrap iron shipments is gathering ground here since anti-fascist sentiment in the Northwest flared into organized protest.

Telegrams to the Washington delegation call for an embargo on war materials to fascist countries and warn against amendments which may hamper effectiveness of a ban.

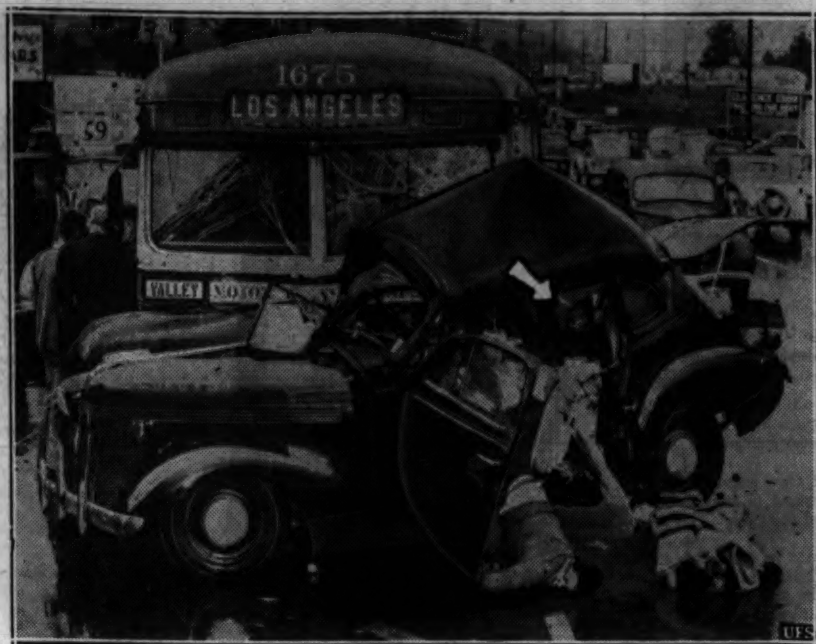
CITY-WIDE RALLY
A city-wide mass meeting has been called in the Senator Auditorium tonight by the Seattle Committee Against Fascist Aggression to rally support for closing the port to scrap shipments.

The waterfront Employers of Seattle, who demand longshoremen crash the picket line, are charging breach of contract and threatening a port tieup.

Port commissioners in Astoria, Oregon, closed their port to the cargo following similar action by church organizations recently.

Included on the Seattle Committee Against Fascist Aggression are: the Rev. August Binder, the Rev. E. Raymond Attebery; the Rev. Edwin L. Carter; P. Allen Ricks; B'Nai B'rith; Dr. Walter G. Hiltner; Harold J. Pritchett, president of the International Woodworkers of America; Matt Meehan, secretary of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union; Professor Halph Gundlach, of the University of Washington; Eileen Baumgarten, Democratic party national committeewoman; W. E. Priestley, China Club; Claretta Orton, Woman's Labor Congress; Mrs. Meta Iglehart, American League for Peace and Democracy; Jess Fletcher, president, Building Service Employees Union; State Senators James T. Sullivan and N. P. Atkinson; and the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

Seven Died Here



STARTING ON A PICNIC, seven of the eight Minkus family in this sedan were killed and the eighth was perhaps fatally injured, when the car was hit broadside by the bus, on Valley Boulevard, Los Angeles. Body of woman is seen on running board, arrow indicates another victim and still another is under blanket at right.

Keep Factions Out, CIO Heads Urge U. A. W.

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DEFINES DUTIES
In summary, the duties of the president and the Executive Board are defined under the proposed amendment as follows: "Between convention the highest authority shall be the International Executive Board, which shall meet at least once every three months.

"Between meetings of the International Executive Board the Administrative authority of the International Union, United Auto Workers of America, shall be vested in the President. The President shall be responsible to the Board for the Administration of the Union between Board meetings according to the constitution, the action of the convention and the decision of the Board. On all matters of major importance he shall consult the other International Executive officers. He shall report his action to the International Executive Board for its approval."

Vice-Presidents of the U. A. W. under the amendments will be limited to one, a reduction from the present number of four. Whether this provision will be approved by the convention itself is not certain. It was generally believed, however, that the speeches of Murray and Hillman today would write the final word on the amendments.

FROWN ON CAUCUSES
Increasing day by day was the tendency on the part of the delegates to criticize sharply any individuals who place maneuvering for office above the fundamental organizational problems that face the union. Coming in for a good deal of kidding, for example, was part of the delegation of the West Side Local, who were being regaled in hotel corridors and taverns with a song which asks the question, "Where, oh, where is the West Side Local?" and then answers the query with the words: "Way down yonder in the caucus patch."

Officers will not be elected until the final day of the convention. Adopted prior to the beginning of the discussion on the constitutional amendments was a resolution that all International officers must make their report to the delegates by tomorrow morning.

The question of when the officers were to report has been previously raised by a group headed by William Marshall, president of Detroit Chrysler local, who has issued a slogan calling for a clean sweep of all officers. Marshall has pressed for all officers report immediately in order to try to fix responsibility upon the officers for the past factional fight and in this way attempt to influence the coming elections.

86 PER CENT REPRESENTED
Whether Marshall's followers would stick to their course in view of the Murray-Hillman rebuke to factional groupings remained to be seen. A study of yesterday's partial report from the credentials committee reveals that thus far 86 per cent of the total membership of the U. A. W. is represented here. This can be seen by comparing the 170,200 members whose delegates have been seated with the per capita dues payments over the last 18 months have averaged 197,800 members. The fact that per capita figures are averaged over a period that includes the recession and the factional fight explains the difference between the per capita average of 197,800 and the present membership of 371,213. Representation at the convention, under the provisions of the union's constitution, is decided by the 18-month per capita average rather than the current membership.

A breakdown of the locals whose delegates have been seated at present shows that 53 locals from Detroit are represented, 19 from Cleve-

C. I. O. Civil Service Protest Balks State Tory Pay-Cut Drive

ALP Bill Gets CIO, AFL United Support at Senate Hearings; State to Benefit by High Court Salary Ruling; McNaboe Feels Public Pulse

ALBANY, March 28.—The timely and powerful demonstration of 350 Civil Service workers, who traveled to Albany Monday to protest the Tory attempt to cut the executive budget by slashing salaries in the lower wage brackets of the State Civil Service, was having its effect in the capital today.

The Civil Service workers, who came from New York City, Troy, Buffalo and Rochester, are members of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union. They were led by Henry Wennu, State president of the SCMWU.

Mr. Wennu stated today that a solid bloc of Democrats and four Republicans had promised to vote against the salary slashes.

CIO-A. F. of L. UNITY
George Marlin, legislative representative of the American Labor Party, yesterday expressed satisfaction that both A. F. of L. and CIO unions are backing up the State Wages and Hours Bill.

A delegation of representatives from both groups of unions was scheduled to appear at a public hearing on the bill conducted by the Senate Labor Committee tomorrow.

The bill, introduced by Philip Kleinfield in the Senate and Oscar Garcia-Rivera in the Assembly, is sponsored by the American Labor Party and would provide protection to the thousands of workers in the New York area whom the Federal law does not cover.

"If this bill is adopted," Mr. Marlin declared, "the chiselers of industry will have to abide by decent minimum wage and hour standards."

The measure, which is patterned after the Federal law, has been the target of Tory attacks in the State Legislature.

SALARY TAX AIDS STATE
State treasury officials predicted yesterday that the United States Supreme Court decision upholding New York's right to tax the salaries of federal employees would add \$1,500,000 to the State income annually.

It is understood that the new taxes will be collected next year on this year's income.

Tory "whittling" reduced the hand, 5 from Milwaukee, 4 from Pontiac, Michigan, 3 from Toledo and 2 from Flint.

Approximately 31,700 U. A. W. members whom Marlin claimed as having sent delegates to the rump parley are represented here. The locals from Detroit include the big Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler, Briggs, Hudson and West Side locals with a total membership of all the locals from that city of 83,700.

The full report of the Credentials Committee is expected to swell the representation here to well over 90 per cent of membership. Because of the large number of delegates the convention site was moved to the Cleveland Public Auditorium today.

After having approved several minor constitutional amendments, the session adjourned and will continue its deliberations on the same subject tomorrow. One proposed amendment which established jurisdiction for the U. A. W. over not only the auto industry but also farm employment and other industries was referred back to the committee for further discussion. Numerous delegates made the point that the constitution should not set jurisdiction over workers where they may be conflicts with other unions.

Note to Desk—Chairman of Constitutional Committee is Richard Leonard, secretary of Michigan Industrial Union Council

Council OK's Bridge After Heated Debate

Quill, Backer Support Isaacs for Tunnel, Vote Is 19-6

By Harry Raymond

By a vote of 19 to 6, the City Council yesterday concurred with legislation awaiting action in Albany to give the Triborough Bridge Authority permission to construct a \$41,000,000 suspension bridge from the Battery, in Manhattan to Hamilton Ave., Brooklyn.

Supporting Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs in his opposition to the bridge and favoring construction of a tunnel were Councilmen George Backer, Salvatore Ninio and Michael J. Quill, Laborites; Charles E. Keegan and Joseph E. Kinsley, Democrats; and Charles Belous, Fusionist.

Councilman Joseph Clark Baldwin, Manhattan Republican, by his sole objection, blocked immediate consideration of a resolution, sponsored by Hugh Quinn and Albert D. Schanzer, Democrats, designating that persons employed on planning and design of the bridge should be taken from the civil service rolls.

BLOCKS WPA RESOLUTION
The civil service aspects of construction of the bridge has been bitterly opposed by Park Commissioner Moses, sponsor of the bridge plan and demanded by the Civil Service Employees' unions. The matter was placed on the Council's general orders to be acted on at a meeting next Monday.

Councilman Baldwin also blocked immediate consideration of a resolution, signed by John P. Nugent, Manhattan Democrat, and Andrew R. Armstrong, Brooklyn Laborite, requesting Congress to appropriate the \$150,000,000 requested by President Roosevelt for the maintenance of WPA.

Baldwin's objection forced the resolution to be laid over a week, over the objections of Councilmen Quill, Belous, Armstrong and Keegan.

Councilman Armstrong charged that Baldwin's action made it clear that the attitude of the Republican machine in Washington "has spread its effects into the City Council."

He characterized Baldwin's action as "a deliberate and callous disregard of the fate of thousands of employees in the Works Progress Administration."

EMERGENCY MESSAGES
Mayor LaGuardia sent three emergency messages to the Council asking concurrence in a memorial to the State Legislature on a number of Albany bills which would enable the city to carry out rapid transit unification.

The bills would authorize:

1. Demolition by condemnation of the Second and Ninth Ave. elevated lines in Manhattan and the Bronx.

2. Demolition of the Brooklyn Fulton St. Line.

3. The setting up of a sinking fund commission for unification.

In the bridge-tunnel debate, both Democrats and Laborites showed division in their ranks. The Republicans voted as a bloc for the bridge.

Councilman Quill said he favored a tunnel because a tunnel would provide 2,000,000 man-days employment, while a bridge would only provide 400,000 man days.

He charged that even after the bridge is constructed the people of the city would be left "holding the bag" and would have to pay \$10,000,000 for approaches that Commissioner Moses left out of his plan.

"I do not know what interest Commissioner Moses has for civil service," Quill said. "We are told that an earlier Moses built the pyramids without civil service, but we are told too that his workers were organized."

He assailed Mr. Moses' charges made at a Council hearing that Mr. Isaacs views on civil service were "Communist," stating: "That kind

HARLEM ITALIANS TO PROTEST PEGLER, RUNYON SLANDERS AGAINST PEOPLE AT RALLY

Defense Group Assails Vicious Lies Against Italian People

Westbrook Pegler and Damon Runyon, specialists in slandering Italian-Americans, were called to account by the members of the Harlem Italian Defense League, which yesterday announced it is "high time this practice of gross exaggerations, untrue and vicious falsehoods," were stopped.

In a statement issued by Philip J. Zichello, executive secretary of

the League, whose headquarters are at 149 East 116th St., instances of the offenses of Pegler and Runyon were cited. The League urged united action on the part of Italian-Americans to combat the slanders.

"Mr. Westbrook Pegler, in the World-Telegram, continually during the past year has indulged in an orgy of name-calling, as has Mr. Damon Runyon, who, in the guise of fiction, 'reported' that the Italians of Harlem are racketeers, murderers, gangsters, etc.," the statement declared.

The Runyon piece referred to appeared in the magazine section of

the Journal-American of March 4 last year.

Pegler's repeated attacks on the character of the Italian people are well known.

The Italian Defense League, headed by eleven prominent Italians from the Harlem neighborhood, has called a meeting of protest at the Verona Theatre, 109th St. and Second Ave., Thursday, March 30, at 7 P. M.

Committee Maps Fight on Dempsey Bill

Attack on Foreign-Born To Be Discussed at Thursday Meeting

Plans to insure the defeat of the Dempsey Bill, H.R. 4960, will be considered at the next Delegate Meeting of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, to be held Thursday at 8:30 P. M. at the Rand School, 7 East 15th St., New York City.

The Dempsey Bill provides for the exclusion or deportation of any non-citizen who advocates making any change in the American form of government and has been characterized by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born as "contradicting the American tradition of hospitality and equality."

Officials of the American Committee requested that all organizations and individuals send letters and telegrams to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Immigration and to the United States Senators, requesting the defeat of the Dempsey Bill.

of mud slinging is not going to feed people."

Councilman Kinsley said he feared the bridge would depreciate real estate values at the Battery and that in this he supported Mr. Isaacs.

"I didn't agree with Mr. Isaacs' appointment of Gerson (S. W. Gerson, former Daily Worker reporter, and now Mr. Isaacs' aide)," he declared. "So when you find me in agreement with Mr. Isaacs you might think I changed my religion."

He asked what the charge of "Communism" made by Mr. Moses had to do with the construction of a bridge.

"It is a red letter day," said Councilman Belous, rising to his feet, "when Joe Kinsley can back Stanley Isaacs and I can concur with him."

The most vigorous opposition to employing civil service engineers and designers on the bridge project came from Councilman Baldwin.

"But when you are building with private funds you cannot be hampered by any rules," he said referring to civil service.

Laborites Armstrong and Holander agreed they would prefer a tunnel but added they could do nothing else under the circumstances but vote for the resolution.

Mrs. Genevieve E. Earle and Robert K. Straus, Fusionists, also voted for the bridge.

Abner Surpless was extremely outspoken. He said he was for the bridge and added:

"I speak for the businessmen. Of course, I'm a reactionary Republican."

National Negro Health Week Is Opened Thursday

NEWARK, N. J.—Dr. Thomas Bell of the Negro Advisory Committee of the Tuberculosis League of Essex County will launch National Negro Health Week with a talk on "Tuberculosis: Causes, Treatment and Cure," under the auspices of the Frederick Douglass Branch of the Communist Party tomorrow at 8 P. M. at 238 West Kinney St.

The program will be rounded out with two sound films: "Let My People Live," filmed at Tuskegee University and presenting the Tuskegee Choir, is the story of a mother and a daughter who was cured. The other film, "Behind the Shadows," shows how the disease affects the white section of the population. Everyone interested in health problems is invited to attend.

Lotsch Pleads Guilty; Puts Manton on Spot

Banker May Testify for U. S.; Tied in Bribery Charge With Ex-Judge

John L. Lotsch, bald, pudgy Brooklyn banker, co-defendant with Martin T. Manton under an indictment charging bribery and corruption, put the former senior justice of the U. S. Circuit Court right on the spot, yesterday by pleading guilty.

Manton had previously pleaded not guilty to the same indictment, which alleges that Lotsch, when chairman of the board of the Port Greene National Bank of Brooklyn, paid Manton \$10,000 to fix a case, yesterday by pleading guilty.

It is understood that the crooked ex-banker will appear as a witness for the government against the allegedly crooked ex-judge. When Lotsch was arraigned yesterday, United States Attorney John T. Cahill readily agreed to release the man in the custody of his attorney without bail.

"Lotsch has been a material help to the Government," Cahill told the court, "and I feel that he can be of much more assistance."

SENTENCE IN MAY

May 15 was set as the date of sentence for Lotsch. It is presumed that Manton will have been tried by then.

Taking a bribe from the former banker is the third important charge leveled against Manton by the Federal Grand Jury investigating his affairs. Accusations against Manton, whose position of trust was second only to that of a member of the United States Supreme Court, launched a probe of the entire judiciary.

Judge Edwin S. Thomas of Connecticut has also sat on cases involving Lotsch. Immediately after the alleged payment of \$10,000 to Manton, Judge Thomas handed down a directed verdict of acquittal on an indictment charging that Lotsch solicited a bribe from acting as special master in a patent case.

Thomas is also being investigated and was scheduled to appear before the Grand Jury yesterday after an illness of several weeks. He did not appear, and received another week's extension.

Lotsch was convicted last year for illegally accepting fees for loans made by the Port Greene Bank. He is out on bond pending an appeal.

31 WPA Workers Hurt in Bus Crash

CONCORD, Mass., March 28 (UP).—Thirty-one WPA workers were injured, 24 severely enough to be hospitalized, today when their work bus skidded on sleet-glazed Concord Turnpike, overturned and caught fire.

One of the victims suffered a broken arm but most of those hurt were treated at Emerson Hospital for cuts and bruises only. The flames were quelled almost immediately and did not reach the body of the bus.

ILD to Urge Progressive Bills at Hearing

State Senate Labor Committee Hears Picket Measure

The International Labor Defense will participate in the public hearing of the New York State Senate Labor Committee at Albany tomorrow and speak in behalf of the I. L. D. Picketing Bill (the Murray Bill, S. 597) and the Kleinfeld Bill (S. 11170) providing a \$5 bail limit in labor cases. It was announced by Miss Anna Damon, national secretary of the I. L. D.

Mr. William M. Cubert, New York Legislative representative of the International Labor Defense, will represent the organization.

The I. L. D. Picketing Bill seeks to prevent the unwarranted arrest of pickets under the disorderly conduct law and to provide a trial by jury for all persons arrested for picketing.

A large trade union delegation, led by the American Labor Party, is expected to appear at the Albany hearing.

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Three Sets of Four



REUNION FOR QUADRUPLTS is the theme of this photo. The Badgett baby girls, Joan, Jeanette, Geraldine and Joyce, who are now seven weeks old, sleeping soundly as the Keys sister, Lucia, Mary, Mona, and Roberta of Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Perricone brothers, Anthony, Bernard, Carl and Donald of Beaumont, Texas, recently called on them in a Galveston hospital.

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Roy Howard— Salesman for Munich

Publisher Roy Howard of the World-Telegram and of the rest of the Scripps-Howard chain, has taken it upon himself to correct what he considers the great failing of the American people, namely, that they are solidly against Hitler and Mussolini and against the Munich policy of capitulation and betrayal.

Roy Howard must find a new sales talk for Chamberlain's "appeasement." His editorial writer thinks he has found it. He suggests that the Soviet Union is opposed to "appeasement" because the Soviet Union would like to see Hitler and England in a war with each other. The real deception here lies in the fact that the World-Telegram can make such a Nazi-like insinuation only by suppressing the fact that the Soviet Union, immediately after Prague's seizure, took the initiative in proposing once again some form of collaboration with the democracies to halt Hitler. But Roy Howard, like Chamberlain, is opposed to such collaboration because he is opposed to halting Hitler.

It is no wonder that about half the readers of the World-Telegram, according to the letters printed in that paper a few weeks ago, declared that they had little or no faith in the integrity of the paper's editorial policy. They detect the aroma of Munich.

What About Taxing the Bonds?

The opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court which opens all Federal and State salaries to income taxes seems perfectly reasonable to us. The issue of where a man's income comes from should never be permitted to judge how much taxes he ought to pay. It is the amount of income that counts, not the source. Employees with small incomes deserve exemptions the same as other citizens with small incomes.

The real issue now is taxation on fifty billion dollars of tax-exempt government and state bonds. If the Supreme Court reasons correctly that government-employee income is taxable, then there is surely no reason in the world why income from U.S. and state bonds should not be also taxable.

It is curious that this issue should be soft-pedaled now when the government could tax the three billion dollars of bond interest being collected by bondholders on which not a penny tax is being paid. And most of it is being collected by the "economy" crowd, too.

'Mothers of American Reaction'

Rep. Gavagan's proposal for a Congressional investigation of the un-American exclusion of the world-famous Negro singer Marian Anderson from Washington auditoriums should receive the widest and most instant support. We believe it will.

Just last Sunday there took place in Washington a mass meeting of more than 2,000 persons, protesting the fact that the Board of Education arrogantly revoked the conditional permit which it had granted Miss Anderson for a concert in a school auditorium on April 9. This original permit was forced by the nation-wide protests against the discriminatory ban set up, first by the reactionary Daughters of the American Revolution, and then by the Board.

Fittingly, Rep. Gavagan announced his proposal at this meeting, and just as fittingly the meeting passed a resolution urging that the D.A.R. name be changed to "Mothers of American Reaction." The meeting received such wide endorsement as came from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Negro woman leader and member of the Federal NYA, Sen. Borah, and Assistant Secretary of the Interior Chapman, who was chairman.

All democratic Americans were there in spirit and support, if not in body. Sen. Wagner (co-author with Rep. Gavagan of the federal anti-lynching bill) hit the spot when in a letter to the meeting he declared:

"The Marian Anderson case is the most challenging issue confronting American democracy. (It) is not a local issue. It is a matter of foremost national and international importance. If art can be stifled and racial lines drawn so tightly in our capital city, then it would be well for us to ponder the fate of democracy in the United States."

Clearly, Congress should pass legislation insuring the democratic rights of Negro and all other Americans in the nation's capital. It should, moreover, establish a public auditorium where the constitutional rights of free speech and free assemblage can be practiced, and which will be available to the United Mine Workers, the American League for Peace and Democracy and to other organizations of the American people.

The Battery-Brooklyn Bridge

The technical and engineering problems connected with further means of communication between Manhattan and Brooklyn, are not for us to solve. Obviously, some additional means of communication are necessary, whether a bridge or a tunnel.

And we recognize the merits of the position taken by Borough President Isaacs and those who support him. They have insisted upon such constructive safeguards as civil service employment on the bridge project, traffic efficiency, a thoroughly practicable plan worked out without haste, to say nothing of the necessity of preserving our esthetic skyline.

However, in connection with the discussion of this matter, certain completely off-color angles got in, which should have been ruled out. For example, Mr. Moses attacked civil service with insinuations that it was a "racket." And yesterday, after Mr. Moses' bridge plan passed the City Council, Councilman Baldwin, inspired by Mr. Moses' attack, blocked consideration of a measure which would have provided civil service in the planning and designing of the bridge.

And, as for Mr. Moses' classification of those who had disagreements with his plan as people wanting a "communist state"—well, our guess is that Mr. Moses was a little short on real argument.

Calling All Cars—

Sen. McNaboe on Monday introduced into the State Senate a bill penalizing any action taken to deprive a person of his rights under the Bills of Rights. The measure reads in part:

"Whenever two or more persons . . . in any way advocates depriving any person of his rights as guaranteed by the Constitution, they shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years."

Instructions to all squad cars:

Go to Albany: Pick up Sen. McNaboe and Assemblyman Devaney. Charge: Sponsoring the McNaboe and Devaney bills.

Not So Good

Somebody is crowing over the seeming inability of the farm Congressmen and the city Congressmen to get together in common action for farm and unemployed relief.

But no crowing is being done by the farmers, the unemployed or the storekeepers who need customers. The "let-Wall-Street-alone" crowd alone is getting satisfaction out of it.

Some of the Tory Congressmen from rural areas, it seems, are too frightened of the farmers to take a stand against the farm benefit payments; but they are ready to swing the hatchet on the WPA and relief funds. Naturally, this hits the farmers too by cutting down their markets in the cities.

When city Congressmen proposed cooperation to defend farm and relief payments together, a loud cry of "log-rolling" was raised by the Garner Democrats and Tory Republicans who have been working in regular teamwork to kill New Deal legislation. It seems that the cry has worked. For the latest report is that the proposed cooperation is off.

The farmers and the unemployed have no conflict of interests; they should be on guard for any tricks aimed to start them whacking each other. The common enemy, Wall Street, would then be able to squeeze both more cruelly.

Rain-When Needed

Up to now, we, along with most people, thought that the most scientific preventative against drought was proper methods of irrigation, observed well ahead of time. But now, along comes the citrus growers in Frostproof, Fla., who retain a Miss Lillie Stoute, of Oxford, Miss., to sit beside a Florida lake with an umbrella and, pretty soon, thanks to her, there's the rain.

And the rain fell after only two days. It was the first since Jan. 23, and the second since last October.

All of which proves that the Weather Bureau doesn't know what it's all about when it attributes the drought to an unusual "spring disturbance." So let's give three rousing cheers to the genius of the Florida citrus growers.

Letters From Our Readers

... For Justice—For Liberty

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Dr. Neurschuer, a journalist and author, went to Berlin after the World War. For distinguished service as a member of the Austro-Hungarian Army on the Hahnen front he had received several medals.

In Berlin, Dr. Neurschuer held an official position as head of the news division of the Government-owned Berlin broadcasting station for more than fifteen years.

When the Hitler regime came into power, the family fled to Austria—from Austria to Italy—from Italy to their death.

A friend in America received a letter from the Doctor before his suicide, saying his family had planned to die, "willingly, yet unwillingly. The deep ocean may, perhaps, receive us in a more friendly way than the high governments of the countries hereabouts."

We marched in the Anti-Hitler parade on Saturday. For justice—for liberty, is our determination to bring to mankind. ELIZABETH DE STURBER.

World Front

By
HARRY GANNES

Spanish Fascist "Victory"—
Aids War Axis Offensive
Against the American Continent

The United States of America will be as gravely affected as any nation by the final fascist military act of destruction of the legitimate democratic government of Spain. Spain has now become the fascist triangle's most dangerous European base for penetration of the Western Hemisphere, particularly South America.

The conquest of Madrid and other ramparts of the Loyalist Central Zone was prepared in the past few weeks by the foulest treachery of the Casado-Besteiro-Miaja capitulationists.

Every agent of fascism assisted in this tragic final act. The chief manipulators were the Chamberlains and Dalaiers in Great Britain and France. Their willing collaborators were the Trotskyite, uncontrolled Anarchists and Right Wing Socialist enemies of the anti-fascist Popular Front.

Unable to assure itself of a victory by a frontal military attack against the Central Zone, even though Italian and German fascism had massed new armed contingents and supplies for the task, fascism in the final assault relied primarily on its Fifth Column. Traitors who sulked and disguised themselves in false uniforms and political designations felt it was safe for them to come out openly as what they were.

Now Spanish fascism, inheritor of the degenerate and universally hated Spanish Inquisition, and willing pupil and stooge of the murderous Mussolini and Hitler, has clamped its iron heel down on unhappy Spain.

But whoever thinks for a moment that Spain will settle down to the calm of fabled fascist terror and that Franco will reign supreme and unopposed, is a thousand times wrong.

The lessons of 32 months of imperishable battle against fascism will be cherished forever in the consciousness and will of the Spanish people. Spain's magnificent heroism will live as an inspiration to the liberty-loving peoples of the world, proving that fascism can and will be destroyed by united resistance. Spain's anti-fascist forces, overwhelmed by military superiority of fascist aggression, and by the fascist-aided so-called "non-intervention" monstrosities of the Chamberlains and Dalaiers, will continue its fight against fascism through the underground movement.

Conflicts within the fascist ranks, during all stages of the fighting, broke out again and again, but they were prevented from coming to a head by repeated Italian and German fascist intervention and fears of mutual defeat. These inner conflicts will now fully mature.

Fascism in Spain is no unified force. It is composed of the most antagonistic elements. The Falangists, modeled after Mussolini's fascist cultists, are at odds with the Monarchists. The Monarchists are themselves divided between the Carlists and the Bourbons. Spanish Army officers are enraged over Italian and German fascist domination and insolence.

Moreover, the national struggles of the Basque, Catalan, Galician and Asturian people will flare up under new forms in the present conditions.

Spanish fascism does not come into the world at a time when it can expect a long period of relative quiet in which to consolidate its rule. It emerges when its Rome, Berlin, Tokyo allies are in the throes of war and scheming to extend their battles into a world war.

In this situation Spanish fascism is acting at the orders of its masters in the war triangle. Along with wholesale butchery of its own people whom it cannot subdue in war or peace, it is preparing to pay special attention to assisting Hitler and Mussolini penetrate Latin America. Jose Penamartin, author of Spain's version of Mein Kampf ("Que es Lo Nuevo"—What is the New Movement?), declared that Spain will enter the "aggressive sphere of politics." To do this, he said, Spain will be "more fascist than fascism itself," and that "Spanish fascism will be, then, the religion of religion."

Linking Spain's aspirations to the active struggle of Hitler and the Mikado in encircling the United States, the fascist Penamartin wrote that, "The United States is not a nation but a huge conglomeration of peoples and races under the moral depression of the defeat which Japan will inflict on them, sooner or later."

He, therefore, concludes that fascist Spain must "extend and expand" its "political jurisdiction, above all, over the South American countries of Hispanic soul and language."

This special goal and function of Spanish fascism in the fascist alliance was outlined as far back as 1934 by Ramiro de Maestre, an outstanding Spanish fascist author, in his book, "Defensa de la Hispanidad" (Defense of Spanish Spheres). In 1938, a new edition of his work was published in fascist Spain. It contained a speech by Cardinal Isidoro Gomá y Tomás, the Primate of Spain.

Appended to Maestre's book, furthermore, was a map of "the lands and peoples of Hispanidad under Philip II." In the style of Hitler and Mussolini, this map designated territories in the Western Hemisphere (including United States areas) which the fascists are intent on conquering.

Many in the United States who, unfortunately, did not grasp the importance to American national security of Spain's fight for democracy, will now learn how fascism will attempt to use Franco to conquer the Western Hemisphere.

Attention, Pipe Smokers!

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We are happy to announce that due to our organizational efforts it is now possible for one to secure a pipe that is union made and that bears the union label.

The smoking pipe workers have long been working under miserable conditions and low wages, but with the coming of the Smoking Pipe Workers' Union this is beginning to change.

We believe that with the assistance and cooperation of the readers of your great newspaper that the time will not be far off when every pipe made for the market will bear a union label.

May we therefore request of your readers that when they purchase a pipe they should insist on a union-made pipe, bearing the union label of the Smoking Pipe Workers' Union.

By insisting on a union-made pipe they will assist us greatly in our drive to wipe out sweatshop conditions in the pipe making industry.

NATHANIEL G. LEROY,
Organizer, Smoking Pipe Workers' Union.

THE HOUSE IN ORDER

by Ellis



"Our nation's program of social and economic reform is therefore a part of defense as basic as armaments themselves."—President Roosevelt's message to Congress.

Fascism and Treachery 'Victors' in Spain; Our Tasks After Madrid's Fall

Heroic Loyalist Spain, bound hand and foot by internal traitors and the Munich abettors of fascism, has been delivered over to the bloody inquisition of Spanish fascism.

Franco's desecration of valorous Madrid was but the final act in the tragedy begun on March 5 when the Casado-Besteiro-Miaja gang joined Franco's Fifth Column. They proceeded to shoot down all who stood for resistance to fascism and for an independent Spain.

To the very last, anti-fascist unity, the Popular Front of Spain, remained intact and unbreakable. Socialists, Communists, Anarchists and Republicans stood shoulder to shoulder. The traitors stabbed Loyalist Spain in the back when she was able to continue the battle under ever more favorable world conditions and with growing support of liberty-loving humanity everywhere.

The prime movers in the surrender of Spain's Central Zone were the Chamberlains and Dalaiers. They were aided by the cowardly vacillating clique around former President Manuel Azana who deserted his post after Barcelona fell. Then all the betraying jackals joined the pack crying for the blood of intrepid Spanish democracy. The Trotskyite agents of fascism joined with the Casado, Miaja, Besteiro agents of London and Paris.

But the Negrin cabinet continued united in battle against fascism until the traitorous scoundrels opened the front gates of Madrid and the rear doors of Loyalist defenses in Cordoba to Franco's hangers-on.

Was the loss of Loyalist Spain inevitable? Could it have been avoided and victory assured to the forces of freedom?

Loyalist Spain, led by the Popular Front, proved to the world that it could stand off vastly superior fascist forces for nearly three years. It demonstrated beyond question that it had the elements of victory. But why was it struck down in its hour of the supreme test with fascism?

Because it was deserted by democratic forces in France, Great Britain, and even the United States, forces which had it in their power to have written an entirely different ending to this—by no means last—chapter of Spain's fight for liberty.

The chief responsibility lies with the ruling cliques of Great Britain and France who betrayed their own national interests and compromised even bourgeois democracy in their own countries by supporting fascist aggression against Spain. Through the hypocritical instrumentality of the so-called "non-intervention" set-up the Tories of Great Britain and France assisted Hitler and Mussolini to intervene on the side of Franco.

The Soviet Union, working by every means to defeat the "non-intervention" maneuvers, gave Loyalist Spain the greatest and most reliable support. Joseph Stalin declared to the whole world that the cause of Spain was the cause of all progressive humanity.

In the United States, failure to lift the embargo proved an invaluable aid to Franco, to Hitler and Mussolini, and to the reactionary traitors, Chamberlain and Daladier.

Guilty responsibility, furthermore, rests on the heads of chiefs of the Second Socialist International and its leading supporters in every country. When the Communist International at the beginning of Spain's battle for freedom, and at every critical stage, appealed for international solidarity of labor, the Second International refused. By so doing it acted as a handmaiden of Chamberlain in treacherously delivering Spain to the fascist triangle.

In Great Britain, the Citrines, the so-called leaders of labor, did the work of the Chamberlain Munich crew, by blocking action of labor for lifting the embargo on arms and food to the embattled people of democratic Spain.

These guilty traitors to the international working class, to the fight against fascism, will never be able to hide their share in the destruction of Spain's independence.

From the very start, the Trotskyite scum actively helped Franco against the Popular Front, against the leadership of the fight on fascism. The Trotskyites in Spain were among the most malicious agents of Franco in the fascist Fifth Column. Before Casado began to shoot down those who were for united resistance, the Trotskyites in May, 1938, rose up in Barcelona, in an effort then to open the gates to Franco.

The Miaja gang's final stroke of treachery was committed under banners (as false as all of the Trotskyite slogans)—"peace with honor."

This was when the Negrin government had returned to the Central Zone to continue the battle for Spain's freedom. This was at a time when world support was growing by leaps and bounds; when democratic allies, long dormant, were springing into action; when the international situation was becoming more difficult for fascism; and when the demand for collective action to stop fascism was in the ascendant.

The Negrin cabinet was determined to fight on and had the forces available to hold out in the Central Zone. It was ready to make the fullest use of the new aid and to battle on until the world situation made Spain's prospects infinitely more favorable.

Moreover, the Negrin cabinet had even answered Franco's demands for unconditional surrender with a counter-proposal that it would agree to peace on the conditions: (1) that Spain remain independent, and foreign fascist troops be withdrawn; (2) that the Spanish people be given a plebiscite to declare their wishes; and (3) that there be no reprisals.

It was then that the Casado-Miaja-Besteiro gang struck from behind. To save their own skins, to court favors and positions from fascism, at the expense of the wholesale butchery of tens of thousands of the bravest Loyalist fighters, they crawled on their knees to Franco and offered him Spain's final fortresses.

Those who take up the fascist cry against the Popular Front today are, consciously or unconsciously, serving the cause of the aggressors. Under the conditions, Spain's Popular Front mobilized the maximum fight against fascism in Spain. It created the conditions of victory, while the enemies of the Popular Front, from Franco to Trotsky, united to destroy Spanish democracy.

Spain's Popular Front, by its heroism, by its struggle for nearly three years, imbued all those in the world who do not want to submit to the horror of fascism, with a fighting spirit that will ultimately destroy the fascist monster.

Spain's Popular Front, defeated by overwhelming military superiority combined with treachery, still continues the fight against Spanish fascism.

Spain's glorious example has multiplied many-fold the potency of the Popular Front.

Only by the broadest unity of all who are against fascism, only by labor's serried ranks playing the leading role in such anti-fascist unity, will fascism be driven from the earth.

The United States has special cause to mark well the conquest of all of Spain by fascism. Franco is the special stooge of the Rome-Berlin axis for penetration in Latin America. Already Spanish fascism has declared that it will use the slogans of "Hispanidad," Spanish traditions, Spanish connections, as means of fascist penetration in Latin America. Franco has already unofficially put forward the demand for Puerto Rico. Mussolini and Hitler have openly declared their intentions ultimately of demanding the Panama Canal.

America which failed to act to halt Franco's "victory" now must take up the fight against Franco and his German and Italian masters harder than ever. No doubt, the agents of Franco in this country will increase their cry for "recognition." There must be no recognition of Franco!

With the triumphal entry of Franco's Italian and Spanish troops into Madrid, tens of thousands of democracy-loving, heroic Spaniards are in danger of their life. America must join in the cry against executions of those betrayed into Franco's hands!

Hundreds of thousands of Spanish Loyalist refugees are being subjected to degrading conditions in French concentration camps. Secretary of the Interior of the United States, Harold Ickes, is one of the leaders for aid to the refugees. Our task of aiding the Spanish refugees is now increased tremendously. We can aid the fighters for a free Spain by assisting these refugees.

The fight against fascism is by no means ended, or even at a pause, with Spain's tragic loss.

Spain will continue its fight in other forms, and will be side by side with the rest of humanity when that day comes when fascism is hurled into the garbage heap of history.

Change the World

Some Reflections on
The Social Position
Of Innocent Dogs

By MIKE GOLD

TODAY I am sick of reading or talking about the Europe of Hitler and Chamberlain and the traitors who are lousing up the universe. It can't go on. Let us, until tomorrow, when the people will finally have their say, talk about dogs.

Have you ever loved a dog? I have, and this is really, when you sit down to analyze it in cold blood, one of the strange emotions in life. A dog has no rights. A cruel master can whip, starve or kill his dog. A dog is not supposed to have a human soul. It cannot make a speech, or sing opera, or read the newspapers, or run for Congress. It wears no clothes, and has no table manners. If it is picked up ownerless on the streets, it is destroyed. You buy and sell a dog as though it were property. By every legal and sociological test, a dog is outside the human community.

And yet dogs are often loved more deeply than human beings. This sort of thing I am against. It is among the wealthy and idle that you will find this perverse preference for dogs side by side with a callous indifference to human suffering.

I once told in this column about a wealthy childless woman who had a pedigree bitch that she doted on. The little four-footed aristocrat slipped away one night, however, and had an affair with a common proletarian mutt. This horrified the owner, and she brought in an expensive surgeon and had an abortion performed.

Another such idle woman once sent an ailing mutt she owned down to Florida for the sunshine. The dog had a drawing-room section on the train and two attendants. There have been cases where millionaires left big slices of their estates to a favorite mutt. And so on. Someone should write a book about it, with pictures by Groppe.

But all this is not the fault of the dogs. It is the fault of their environment. Dogs are just as faithful to the poorest master that ever fed them scanty table-scraps. They are capable of nobility. I saw an item from Alaska the other day, when an eight-year-old husky named Lady, bought last fall for \$5 by a Yukon soundhound, mused three days and nights to carry her owner, suffering with a broken leg, to safety. There are many such stories of heroic dogs.

But it is not for their noble traits alone that people love dogs. There are scores of other reasons—companionship, hunting, humor, and so on. We once had a dog on the farm who was a cross between a police dog and a yellow mutt. We loved him because he was a faithful and foolish lover of us all, and it made us feel good to have someone think so highly of us. He was also a floppy clown and full of the joy of living.

People who don't like dogs say those who do like them are egotists who want to play God to a dumb animal. Maybe so, but I think in the majority of cases it goes deeper than that.

One looks into the rich, warm eyes of a silent dog, and finds something pure there. It is affection tainted by none of the coarser human values. They do not care whether we are beggars or kings, criminals or saints, wise men or fools. A baby loves its parents that way, too.

I could tell many cute stories about dogs I have known, but must stop. The radio is going, and it has just announced Hitler's conquest of Rumania. So there I am back at the common monomania that rides us all these days—how to stop Hitler.

A dog is only a dog, but Hitler is, to speak, a man. He is a member of the human race. He is my brother, and your brother. Is it not strange?

It almost makes one want to be a clean, affectionate, good-natured dog, doesn't it? Because none of us can avoid the common guilt of having produced the Hitler and Mussolini. It is the penalty for our collective sloth, our lack of clarity, our pettiness, our greed, our fear. We have risen in the evolutionary scale above the animal plane of the dogs. But we have not risen far enough, and until we do, until a human economic system is established, and Hitlerism can never happen again, we are still dogs, members of the animal kingdom. But to fight Hitler is to aspire to the human kingdom.

THE LOUDSPEAKER

By Nemo

The new radio technique of conversations and interviews between this country and foreign capitals has been used by the two large networks during the recent international crisis with great effect. For the past two Sundays Paris, London and New York have talked back and forth to one another discussing and exchanging points of information. Last Sunday Columbia's commentator, H. V. Kaltenborn, interviewed Sir Frederick Whyte in London and William Shirer in Paris without previous preparation and entirely impromptu, basing their talk on the news of the moment. It was interesting to hear Kaltenborn inform the man in Paris of a declaration by the French Foreign Office of which he and the French general public were unaware at the time.

Answering specific questions, London and Paris reported on the effect of Mussolini's speech of that morning. They made it a stimulating and informative show. Incidentally, Kaltenborn on Sunday evening concluded his sponsored news series with as scathing a denunciation of the Munich betrayal as has been heard over the air in some time.

The fine work of the WPA Federal Radio Division is in further peril of liquidation if the Tories in Congress succeed in blocking plans to continue the project. WPA radio has made so many vital and important contributions to good programs on the air that listeners can't afford to let them disappear. Remember the Pickwick and Elizabethan Play series? Those were fine examples of imaginative radio drama and should be continued. Remember the "Tish" programs? The historical dramas? Men Against Death? As it is, only three of the fifteen shows which were on the air in January are being continued. Valuable and talented personnel has been drastically cut. In the interests of good radio entertainment alone the project must be continued and extended.

Tomorrow night's Town Meeting of the Air on NBC at 8:30, promises to be a lively session. "Is the South Our Economic Problem No. 1" is the subject of discussion.

An outstanding and significant radio play, "They Fly Through the Air with the Greatest of Ease" is to be repeated next Monday, April 3, at 10:30 on the Columbia network. This splendid anti-fascist verse drama by the talented Norman Corwin sharply satirizes the

MIDWEEK REVIEW of the ARTS

French Film At Little Carnegie

A MAN AND HIS WIFE. A French film with English titles. Featuring Harry Baur. Directed by Jean Dréville. At the Little Carnegie Playhouse.

By David Platt

There is nothing very profound in the treatment of this subject so dear to the heart of the average French movie producer. Like so many recent French films, the characters are set against a confused background. There is not a line to indicate that the story takes place today (and shares headlines with Mussolini's demand for French colonies) and not twenty-five years ago. Not a single reference to anything more important than marital fidelity or making money and yet Papon, the central character of the film, has been in the employ of the Labor Department of the French government for years. Surely he must have learned something during that time.

Papon (Harry Baur), a clerk in the Labor Department, finds he is in grave danger of losing his wife (Suzie Vernon) to an executive (Jacques Mauray). Papon's friend, Moineau, insists that the only solution to the inevitable scandal is double-murder and suicide and very kindly offers Papon the use of his trusty thirty-six, "never said to miss." Moineau doesn't know that at this very moment his own household is in danger of a similar collapse.

Papon, however, has a plan for holding his mate that will dispense with the use of a gun. First, he gets a six-months leave of absence from the Department. Secondly, he invests his savings in a tottering candy manufacturing business which he believes might be developed so that it will show a profit. Third, he astounds his wife by coming home with spats and a top hat. He is beginning to hold her already. Fourth, he contacts an old friend who is a buyer for several of the biggest department stores in France. Fifth, Success. Papon has become a national figure on the Bourse, a wealthy industrialist, a member of the inner circle of the sixty best families.

"Money Conquers Everything"

Here it is. From poverty to riches, from pen-pushing to coupon-clipping in five easy lessons. The transition is made without as much as packing an overnight grip. With riches he will retain his name. But not for long. Soon the old yeomanry for the younger Jacques reassures himself. Finally, Papon, in keeping with his position, takes more drastic steps. At the end of the old boy is still holding his own. Money conquers everything. The film ends on a quotation by Jules Renard: "When your love for me is over. You must never let me know." There is an indication that she won't the next time. She'll just leave quietly.

The film is well acted throughout by Harry Baur, Suzie Vernon and Pierre Larquey.

Call for Actors

"Torch-bearers" by German exile, Bert Laub, will have its first English production by Studio Theatre the group is building near New York.

Interested actors are being interviewed at the group's studios, 21 East 17th St., New York City on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.



Mother and Child, by Raphael Soyer

Music Notes

We are sure that everyone who was present at the spring dance of the Earl Robinson Chorus at the Transport Workers Union spent an enjoyable evening. Effective assistance in the solo numbers was rendered by Arthur Atkins, Jerry Arno, Helen Nagler, and Dorothy Martin.

Any choral group which can interrupt a dance going full blast at the midnight hour (spring too) and command a half hour of undivided attention from the customers is achieving something of note. And the audience heard with mounting enthusiasm the varied program of American, Soviet and Spanish songs. Heard for the first time anywhere was Robinson's "Horace Greeley," lyric by Lewis Allan.

The union of social content and

Soyer, Bacon, Dali, Adolph Dehn In Current New York Exhibitions

Raphael Soyer and Peggy Bacon are co-exhibitors at the Rehn Gallery. Soyer, who is showing small paintings, has a native flair for the poignancy of the people whose lives are uneventful and who dream, without hope of realization, of something better. He is especially successful in his intimate studies—the atmosphere of the studio back-ground which permeates those small canvases adds authenticity to the portrayal of a humdrum existence. . . . Peggy Bacon shows no consideration for the people who are her subjects. She is a caricaturist with an incisive style that never misses.

Salvador Dali's show at the Julien Levy Gallery is drawing large crowds, which is not surprising. It is receiving the kind of publicity that attracts people. Dali is a genuine artist. There is fine esthetic quality in all his work. It is a pity that he cannot resist the temptation to emphasize and exaggerate the erotic inclinations in him. The tragedy is that he is gradually losing all sense of proportion and that the average gallery visitor goes away with the impression that an art exhibit and a freak show are identical. . . . In a well-ordered world those gallery visitors would be taken to the Art Young exhibition at the A.C.A.

Aaron Douglas Exhibit Soon

Aaron Douglas, well-known Negro artist, will have an exhibition of his Haitian paintings at the A.C.A. Gallery from April 2 to April 15. The artist was born in Topeka, Kansas, in 1899, and graduated from high school there in 1917, and from the University of Nebraska in 1922. After spending two years teaching art at the Lincoln High School in Kansas City, he resigned from this position in order to study with Fritz Winold Reiss in New York City.

Since coming east, he has lived for the most part in this city. The year 1927-1928, however, was spent in Philadelphia at the Barnes Foundation, studying the Barnes Collection of modern pictures and primitive African art. During the year 1931 he traveled abroad and studied painting in Paris at L'Académie Scandinave.

From Aaron Douglas' brush have also come series of murals for the library of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; the College Inn, Sherman Hotel, Chicago; the 135th Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in New York City, and four panels for the 135th St. Branch of the New York Public Library.

Chaim Soutine is exhibiting at the Valentine Gallery. There is emotional excitement in his work. Inspiring sculpture by Franklin C. Watkins, Robert Philipp, Morris Kantor and Ernest Fiere are the Corcoran prize winners. . . . The "swing" has by now proven to be a happy one. What with an ingratiating conductor and master of ceremonies like Earl Robinson, the audience joined lustily in the choruses of the final numbers.—S. H.

Apprenticeship to Art

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

OLD Kretschman was a German sculptor and an artist of many crafts. His studio was at Franklin and Noble Streets in Philadelphia. I went to work for him in 1891 at the age of ten. It was my first real job.

Kretschman modeled in clay and wax carved wood and cut stone. He had created many Civil War monuments for Gettysburg and other battlefields. He had also helped Calder build the gigantic statue of William Penn atop the Philadelphia City Hall. When I worked with him most of his sculpture consisted in making bronze busts of the Philadelphia aristocracy, and he also painted their portraits.



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

Kretschman was getting old, and the most important art piece he did while I was with him was a bas-relief panel of President Lincoln and his Cabinet. It measured about eight feet by ten, and the highest point stood out only five-eighths of an inch above the flat. The panel was eventually rolled in plate glass by a Pittsburgh company and exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair.

The old artist was also an outstanding steel die-sinker. In his craft he acknowledged only one superior, a man who worked in the Federal Mint. Kretschman was sometimes approached by counterfeiters with propositions that he cut steel dies to make false coins, but without avail. Nevertheless,

A TENT SHOW

MY ONLY experience in the theatrical business was in the summer of 1912, when I spent about three months with a wagon tent show. I served in the lowly capacity of canvasser. It was a repertoire show, playing small towns in northern Indiana and Illinois.

Our show was owned by Charlie Colton of Indianapolis. Colton's cousin, Earl G. Ford, was a friend of mine, and it was through him I got the job. Once Ford listed for me fifty-five of his relatives then in the show business—in circuses, stock companies, musical comedies, motion pictures, medicine shows and what not.

We made "jumps" of hardly more than thirty miles by wagon. Our repertoire consisted of several shows, a different one for each night of our usual week's stay. They were of the tear-jerking melodramatic type, including such old-timers as *Lena Roderick*, *Forget Me Not* and *East Lyna*. Between the acts the players doubled with song and dance numbers.

Everybody connected with the show, regardless of his job, was considered an actual or potential actor. When we put on a play demanding a larger cast, or if some of the troupe were sick or drunk, the boss and ticket-taker would be pressed into service on the stage. They even tried to induce me, the canvasser, to act. But I had other plans in mind than to become a Thespian. However, I did learn that many a well-known professional actor originally found his way onto the stage in a manner just as prosaic as that of a canvasser doubling for a regular player. Most of our actors had contempt for the public's artistic appreciation and they looked upon their own art as just so much work. They considered any good mechanical trade as hard to learn as acting. They averaged about twenty-five dollars per week in wages.

In the corn-belt towns where we played our shows went over big. The tent was crowded nearly

the government kept a sort of friendly check-up on his activities. He employed his die-sinking ability chiefly to produce memorial medals, for sale at various conventions and celebrations. He took me with him to such gatherings in New York, Boston, Washington and other cities to sell souvenir medals on the street, an occupation that filled me with loathing. I liked these trips around the country very much, but the idea of selling anything went a hundred per cent against my grain, as it has done throughout my life.

Another of Kretschman's many specialties was electro-plating. This craft was then in its infancy, and Kretschman was one of the cleverest in the country at it. He plated gold, silver, copper and nickel. Once he made a big stir locally by copper-plating a glass wine set, metal plating on glass being at that time practically unknown. Tragically enough for me, I accidentally broke one of the precious glasses, which were six weeks in plating and made to order for a rich Philadelphia family. With characteristic versatility, Kretschman often beautifully engraved his finely plated pieces, engraving being one of his many accomplishments.

Towards the end of my time with this clever artist practically gave up his many crafts. He was a bad business man and could not turn his great abilities into dollars and cents. He was finally forced to earn his living by modeling huge teeth, a foot high, for the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, to serve as study models for the dental students.

Taking a strong liking to me, Kretschman gave me lessons in all the arts of which he was a master: clay modeling, plaster of paris work, wood carving, stone cutting, drawing and painting, electro-plating, die-sinking, engraving, etc. But I felt no call to a life of art. I wanted to become an industrial worker and was drawn as by a magnet to the shops. So, after three years of it, I left my art job and went to work in a Philadelphia type foundry. When I quit Kretschman I dropped my artistic training as one would discard an unfitting garment. Nor did I afterward ever feel the slightest remorse. I made no mistake in becoming an industrial worker.

every night. This was long before the radio, and motion pictures were just penetrating such rural districts. Rare also were road stock shows and circuses, and the people were starved for diversion. I never ceased to wonder at how the natives would accurately recall the previous visit of our show, often three or four years before, and recite in detail the plays and actors of the earlier visit. Another marvel to me was that although often some of our players went on the stage so drunk they could hardly "navigate," the rural audiences, although only a few feet away across the footlights, never noticed their intoxication. The public seemed quite unable to conceive of an actor being drunk while playing.

I had a fine experience with the tent show, driving through the beautiful corn country and meeting thousands of people in the various towns. But all this was secondary to me. I had taken the job so I could do some writing with Ford. He and I were pioneers in founding the Syndicalist League of North America, and we had to prepare its program and principles.

During those many weeks traveling with Colton's tent show, I wrote the pamphlet, *Syndicalism*, in consultation with Ford. This pamphlet later played a big role in the steel strike of 1919, when the employers, in order to picture the strike as a revolutionary attempt to overthrow the government, published and distributed free large quantities of the booklet. I hammered out the pamphlet during long hot afternoons in the empty tent, on the shaking wagons pounding over rough country roads, or while loafing in the beautiful fields and woods. When I was done writing the pamphlet my theatrical days were over. I quit my job and plied back into Chicago to put my pamphlet's principles into effect, by taking the initiative in launching the Syndicalist League of North America, forerunner of the Trade Union Educational League.

From "Pages From a Worker's Life," by William Z. Foster. Courtesy International Publishers.

Pitfalls of 'Liberalism' In Book by Lawyer Hays

DEMOCRACY WORKS, by Arthur Garfield Hays. Random House, \$3.
Reviewed by Bruce Minton

The uncomfortable part about reviewing Arthur Garfield Hays' *Democracy Works* is that the author has already pointed out many of the reasons why Communists will not agree with his book. The reviewer, when he offers his opinion, is placed in the position of allowing Mr. Hays to indulge in "I told you so's."

But by anticipating disagreement, Mr. Hays hasn't made *Democracy Works* any more convincing. One can agree with his thesis that democracy is worth preserving and value his own efforts to make it work while still not agreeing with his present outlook of what must be done at the present time to prevent America from losing its valued democracy.

Mr. Hays, a lawyer, has defended civil liberties for years—the civil liberties of radicals and reactionaries alike. He is personally a brave man, who has often willingly risked his own skin to defend a framed worker. He believes sincerely in his particular conception of democracy. He opposes Communism, and mistakenly considers that the Soviet Union and Hitler's Germany are both "dictatorships" that equally negate democracy.

His Predilection for Labels

There seems little sense arguing with Mr. Hays. He has heard all the arguments so often, and still he rejects them. He seems unable to overcome a predisposition for labels. Apply the word "free speech" or "dictatorship" and Mr. Hays is for or against a given situation without examining what the words cover up. He does not probe to see whether the label correctly describes the situation or masks an opposite idea. Thus, Mr. Hays opposes socialism in the Soviet Union because the overthrow of tsarism was not accomplished without violence, and because the profit system was replaced by the dictatorship of the proletariat. Mr. Hays does not inquire why violence took place or who caused it. He does not bother to determine in whose interest the dictatorship of the proletariat was exercised or where it led. To Mr. Hays, dictatorship is evil, whether it comes the rule of the majority as in the Soviet Union, or whether it is the rule of a corrupt minority of monopolists as in Hitler Germany. In like manner, free speech is an end in itself for Mr. Hays, who makes no distinction between a trade unionist advocating the defense of democracy and a Bundist inciting to anti-Semitism, torture and persecution. Mr. Hays avers that he defends both the unionist and the terrorist in the interest of democracy and "free speech."

So given Mr. Hays' tendency to adumbrate abstractions without bothering to determine how they are applied, it is not surprising to find him attacking the Wagner Act. He feels that the Act is unfair to the employers, and cites the example of the NLRB order restraining Henry Ford from intimidating workers when they wanted to join a labor union. Mr. Hays feels that Henry Ford has a perfect right to issue anti-labor propaganda. For the issue, in Mr. Hays' opinion, is merely one of "free speech," even though Ford exercises this right in a way that violates the law of the land and that threatens workers with discharge and blacklist if they join a legal union.

Again, Mr. Hays opposes collective action by democrats to stop fascist aggression. War, he warns, is a serious danger. To which all thoughtful people must agree. But how stop war? The author of *Democracy Works* only when the people make it work, only when the masses are strong enough to defend it. In the broad unity of all anti-fascists, Mr. Hays has a place. His analysis might be bad, but his actions are often good. Certainly, Mr. Hays can have no objection to joining with those who want to be sure democracy continues to work, and who like Mr. Hays, wish to broaden it.

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Mr. Babe Phelps, Brooklyn Dodgers' slugging catcher, went out of action in the first inning of yesterday's ball game when hit on the thumb by a Yankee foul. To my customers, a profound apology for inaccuracy. We missed the date of this occurrence in last week's preview by several days, and must beg the allowance of a few days on the occasion of the bunting up of Mr. Phelps' index, middle, fourth and last fingers.

John Henry Lewis is practically blind in one eye. The right thunderbolt of Joe Louis' that spilled him in the first must have come right out of the darkness, something he never saw.

John Henry has been fighting a long time, and is 25 years old now. He never tied up with the "right people" in the boxing monopoly, and so his brilliance and light-heavyweight title brought him comparatively little money. The prospect of an end to his career in his middle twenties, with one blind eye and not much dough, must be a bitter one for him. And it's a timely reminder that the boxing game is as always a brutal business and a hard one to get ahead of. Most fighters know that. They know that there is always the danger of the impairment of faculties subjected to too many punches. Mashed in noses, cauliflower ears and bad eyes are some of the rewards reaped from the ring game by the less fortunate, those who haven't made enough out of it to quit while they're healthy.

Sam Langford was a great fighter in his day, greater than John Henry Lewis. In his last few fights he could hardly see anything. When the bell rang to start a round his seconds pointed him towards his opponent and Sam would shuffle out and feel his way towards his foe. He caught them once in a while. He was a magnificent puncher and when he got the range even for a split second he did damage. He goes around with a stick today. And he's not the only one. Wolcott, Herman and Shade all went completely blind from the pounding they received in the ring, where they fought long after their vision had been impaired.

It wouldn't be healthy for John Henry to continue fighting. "Stoics" may point out fighters who had a fair measure of success with impaired vision in one eye, but you can rest assured that it did them no good. They absorbed plenty of punishment that they never saw coming.

It's the left eye that an orthodox right-handed fighter banks most on. His position is the extension of his left arm and left side toward the foe. And when you can't see from up there you're in no position to stop anything the other fellow throws with his right.

John Henry of course knew about his ailment, and so did his manager Gus Greenlee, and Jimmy Johnston, more than slightly interested in his career and gate receipts. They knew he was taking an awful chance of being hurt against Louis. But it was his first decent financial break and he had to take chances. And take it from one who saw him in his dressing room, John Henry, who struggled to his feet twice too often against the champ, was in pretty bad shape after the fight. He was in a daze when Louis hit him with a right in the tenth second of the first round, and was still in a daze after twenty minutes in his dressing room.

He wants to fight some more. It's not a good idea for him, but he's trying to get all the money he can from the ungrateful sport before hanging up. Michigan doctors have cancelled his bout with Davey Clark and he is now practically barred from fighting in the United States. But if it is true that his left eye was gone as long as a year ago, some examining doctors must have overlooked that fact somewhere along the line.

So there's still plenty rotten with the boxing game when a fine fellow and capable champion like John Henry has to bow out blind and without too much money. It's out of the "Golden Boy" stage where a swarthy gambler walks into the gymnasium, sticks a gat into the side of the faithful old manager and says, "Give me a piece of that boy, see. Fifteen per cent or else." It's on a bigger, sicker and more subtle scale, but it's still pretty rotten.

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Labor Sports League Grows With Labor

Biggest Summer Season Ahead After Convention Recorded Gains, Mapped Program

(This is the last of a series of four articles discussing the growth of trade union sports. Watch for the news of labor basketball.)

By BERNIE STEPHENS

Father John P. Boland was quoting the scriptures, from Leo XIII, in Rerum Novarum:

"For the worker, enough of the fruits of his production to enable him to restore his spent strength, to enjoy recreational and cultural advantages."

The occasion was the first convention of the Trade Union Athletic Association, held last month. Father Boland, New York State Labor Mediator, was addressing the opening session.

"I pay you sincere tribute for the work you want to do, and pledge my aid," he continued. "I wish that the Trade Union Athletic Association prosper quickly and facilitates fraternalism between the unions. The work you are doing is in accord with the ideals I hold dear."

The sixty-four delegates, representing 33 unions, CIO, A. F. of L. and independent, heard Father Boland, heard a comprehensive report of the pre-convention accomplishments and pitched into the work of expanding the scope and activities of the Association so that it could cope with the tremendous, almost overnight growth in membership.

Other unions heard of the convention, of its rapid strides, the growth continued, the phone buzzed with requests for information. Was the increase in membership to reflect in TUAU work?

"The 1939 season will be the greatest in the history of the Trade Union A. A.," Jack Roth, executive secretary, holds. "Since the convention, many unions have asked for assistance in organizing sports in their locals. It is gratifying to see this response to the TUAU's first convention. Labor Sports are definitely on the march."

Steps taken at the February convention point definitely to the creation of a national labor sports association before long. Information in the hands of TUAU executives show numerous, but isolated attempts to establish local labor sports groups in many sections of the country. The convention resolved that a conference in the near future be called to unite these organizations in a national body. But the magnitude of the local

TUAU program is enough to occupy the officers' attentions exclusively for the next period of time. A rapid glance over the perspective for the Association, as explained by Roth, shows the following:

Soft ball and bowling tournaments, already preparing to get under way, for the early Spring. Especially important in this connection is the importance placed on the inter-mural phase that many unions are stressing. Many now have teams representing each local, and one to play for the entire union in Association competition.

For early summer, baseball, handball, and a repeat on the track and field tournament of last summer that brought ready response from 21 unions, with close to 300 participants, are scheduled. A colorful touch to the summer program is the plan to hold a Trade Union A. A. sports outing later in the season.

But what is perhaps the outstanding evidence that the TUAU has grown, is growing, is the announcement from TUAU officials that the complexity of the organization now requires that separate centers be established in each borough, "Labor Sports Centers," to break the work of the Association down somewhat.

Labor sports looks confidently ahead to a great year, and many of them are advancing right along with the trade union movement itself.

New Shoes for Rookie Reiser

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 28. — Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, noticed the worn out, cheap baseball shoes on Pete Reiser's feet today and immediately ordered a new pair for the sensational rookie. The kid's feet were almost sticking out of the shoes and the spikes were almost nonexistent. He had worn them since his days in the Municipal League in St. Louis.

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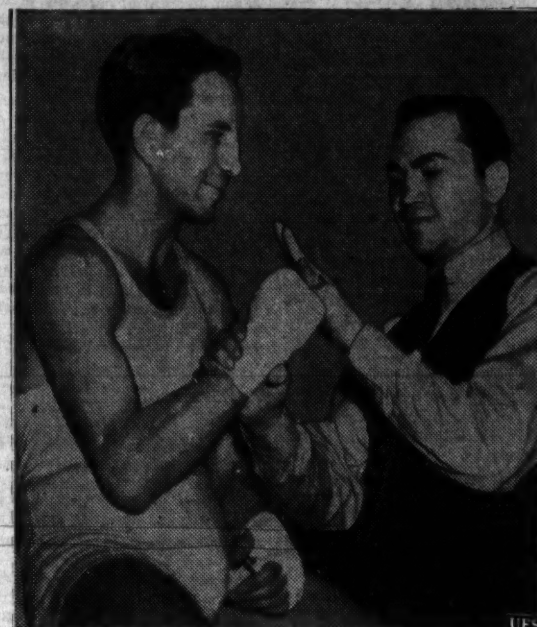
Yanks Option Six

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 28 (UP).—The New York Yankees, who break camp Wednesday, announced option of six players to farm clubs. Outfielder Walter Judnick and pitcher George Washburn were sent to the International League club at Newark; outfielder Bill Matheson and pitcher Al Piechota to Kansas City of the American Association; catcher Ken Sears to Norfolk, and catcher Herb White to Birmingham.

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Yankees Slap Upstart Dodgers Down, 9-1

'MAYBE YOU CAN BEAT HIM'



SAYS BARNEY ROSS, right, to Davey Day, who fights Henry Armstrong for the welterweight title Friday night. Barney couldn't and that's how Henry got that title. The odds are 4-1 against Davey's getting it back for Chicago.

Henry Putting Title on Line 7th Time Friday

By Stan Kurman

When Henry Armstrong meets Davey Day at Madison Square Garden Friday night it will mark the seventh time that the great Negro double-champ has put his welter crown on the line since he slashed Barney Ross for 15 rounds last May to take the title.

Henry has beaten contenders Cefirino Garcia, Al Manfredo, Baby Arizmendi, Bobby Pacheco and Lew Feldman to run his unbeaten string to 44—including 38 kayos. Although the build-up has been working overtime for Day, Hank figures to make short work of him. Day is pretty good but his record doesn't rate with the champ's.

Homie Hank, who is expected to retire after the Ambers fight this summer, has piled up a record which will stand for a long time. He won 3 world titles in less than 10 months and kayoed 27 opponents.

In a row. His whirlwind fighting has stopped most of the feather, light and welterweight topnotchers around today.

And the strangest fact about Henry's career is that he was Jim Crowed out of making good in his home town, St. Louis, which until recently didn't allow mixed fights.

RINGSIDE RAMBLES: Pedro Montanez, now the natural challenger for Armstrong's welter crown, kayoed Phil Furr in one round of a scheduled 10 at St. Nick's Monday night. It was the eighth kayo in nine starts for the Puerto Rican slugger.

Hold Flock to 3 Hits—Reiser Homers for Lone Tally

VIA THE AIRWAVES.—The Yanks returned the compliment to the Dodgers yesterday, setting them down with three hits on the superb pitching of Oral Hildebrand and Jack Haley, and slaughtering them, 9-1. But the champs couldn't completely stop 19-year-old Pete Reiser. Pete, struck out in the first attempt, showed he had the stuff that makes a big leaguer when he saved the Flock from a shutout with a rousing homer over the right-field wall off Jack Haley in the 8th. It was the fourth homer this spring for the sensational rookie and the only hit allowed by the ex-Newark ace in his 3-inning stay.

Hildebrand's brilliant 2-hit pitching over a 6-inning span was a tip-off on what the Yanks can expect from the ex-Brownie this season. In present form he looks good for 15 games—as if the champs will need them!

The Yanks wasted no time and went to work on their old playmate Vito Tamulis in the first inning. Pete Reiser's one-base miff on Powell's grounder started things. Then a double by Gallagher and a long one-base blow by DIMaggio counted for 2 runs. Gehrig poked out a single to short right and worked a double steal with DIMag on a strike-out pitch to Dickey. DIMag rolled home for the third run in the inning when Tamulis unleashed a wild throw.

The Dodgers showed that they were in mid-season form when Babe Phelps had to be taken out in the last half of the first. The big catcher injured his right thumb—his first mishap of the campaign.

With two out in the second the Yanks again teed off on Tamulis. Powell hit a single and advanced to second on Koy's fumble. Joe Gallagher then weighed in with his second double of the afternoon to score Powell and give the Yanks a commanding 4-0 lead.

Tot Pressnell walked out to the mound in the 5th to relieve Tamulis, who had given up eight hits and four runs in his four-inning stay. Tot ran into another Yankee big inning, caused by big Dodger errors. The champs piled up four unearned runs when, with two on and two out, Lavagetto fired Hildebrand's easy grounder out to right field. Gene Moore then uncorked a wild heave and two more Yankee runs were in. Crosetti's double and Powell's single counted for another pair.

Spring--and Baseball--Beckon to Young Communist League

By JACK JULES

For some people the red breasted robin winging his or her way north first whiff of Spring to expectant nostrils. Others pay absolutely no attention to the feathered messenger or to the weather but give their eyes to the sports pages and assimilate the daily capers of the major league athletes in the various training camps and they accept Spring only when the President tosses out the first ball.

But, for the sports minded member of the Young Communist League, none of these supposedly infallible signs is sufficient. A robin is about as native to the city slum as a civilized thought to Hitler and the opening games might as well be played in a foreign country for all the average YCLers ever sees them.

Spring does not come for the YCLer until the sports director gets up in the branch and after an impressive pause (for this is a symbolic moment) says, "Comrades, tryouts for our softball team will take place this Sunday at (some park)." Usually tryouts are



connected with a hike to bring the girls and nature lovers out. After the announcement there is cheering and applause and all the strong young athletes begin to flex their muscles and dream a little bit about pouncing the high hard ones across the platter and slashing the winning run across in the ninth.

So, they go on the hike, and the team is picked. The scrubs are drubbed mercilessly, and the girls make giggling victims as the chivalrous fellows bat left-handed. That's about all of their Spring training except that perhaps some of them bolt out at some spot (shower to you).

The sports director looks upon his team and finds it good. So he gets himself a post card to send to long-suffering Lester Rodney, sports editor of the Daily Worker, which reads like this: "After defeating the most formidable neighborhood aggregations the 'Anyold' branch challenges any and every team in the YCL that is not afraid to play us." After some pointed remarks about the branch's chief rival, the post card is sent and the swaggering challenges passed back and forth make Rodney's life miserable for a couple of days a game, perhaps, is arranged. If any branch team succeeds in winning two in a row it almost immediately, becomes automatically the best there is, the superior of

the Yanks of '27, '37 and '38 too, and the uncrowned YCL softball champion of the country.

This is time-honored procedure and typical of YCL competition in every sport.

What was talk the past two years has an excellent opportunity to become reality this season as the Culture Department is making every effort to build up a special YCL softball tournament on a borough basis, with the winners meeting in a YCL world series, to determine the city champions.

In order to begin this tournament as early as possible and to really establish a permanent sports program Harry Minkoff, chairman of the Culture Department, is calling a special meeting of all branch sports directors on Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 P. M., at the new headquarters of the New York State Young Communist League, 822 Broadway, corner 12th St.

With this meeting the lid is expected to pop on the YCL softball season. Anybody in the way had better duck.

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